

**COMMENT OF
THE DAY**

Bevan Blunders

NO one could accuse Mr. Anoulin Bevan of having a Machiavellian cunning. By his resignation from Labour's "Shadow Cabinet" on Wednesday it would appear he has lost the initiative in his fight for supremacy in the Labour Party—whether it be for the coveted post of leadership or merely to make Labour more of a Socialist Party instead of one mildly left of centre. The pretext he chose for his resignation—as he saw it, the climax to his recent opposition to the Attlee wing—showed that Mr. Bevan was blinded by his own ideas. The easiest road to fame offered itself when the party finally committed itself to West German rearmament. On that issue almost half the 208 Labour MPs supported his opposition and this, at the same time, was a fair indication of Labour feeling in the country. Even if Mr. Bevan had based his attack on the Southeast Asian alliance solely on (as he sees it) Britain's capitulation to America, he might have had more support from the many Labour MPs who seize every opportunity to attack America. Their distrust is based on their traditional misconception of Americans as gauche, clumsy and impulsive people who, consciously or unconsciously, are leading the world nearer a third world war. But in saying "If the Indo-Chinese elect to go Communist they should be allowed to do so," Mr. Bevan ignored one very important fact: that there is a very definite limit to the leftwards tendency of the rank and file of the Labour party and that very few would dare to follow him on this statement. That would be regarded a heresy even by the Attlee-ites, to say nothing of the Liberals and Conservatives. So that, very far from undermining Labour's pledged support of the Southeast Asian Alliance, Mr. Bevan's outspokenness will have achieved nothing more than making an already obvious split between his own group and the rest of the party more obvious. There is even a doubt as to whether Mr. Attlee can tolerate this kind of opposition within the party much longer without severely damaging "party unity". As for Mr. Bevan's views, they are so radical that we are tempted to say: "We can hear the same thing from Moscow every day."

Eisenhower's Promise To France

NO WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS IF EDC RATIFIED

Augusta, Georgia, Apr. 16. President Eisenhower today promised France and the other European Defence Community countries that American forces will stay in Europe after EDC is ratified as long as a threat of aggression exists there.

France has sought pledges on this point from both London and Washington to help overcome objections to ratification in the National Assembly. Mr. Eisenhower's message to the six EDC Prime Ministers follows a statement by Mr. Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, three days ago on similar lines.

EDC has been ratified by Belgium, West Germany, Holland and Luxembourg, but not yet by Italy or France.

Mr. Eisenhower—on holiday here—said a fair share of troops would be maintained in Europe, including West Germany. America would "encourage" the closest integration between EDC forces and those of NATO and the United States.

America would "continue," he said, "to seek means of extending to the Atlantic Community, increased security by sharing in greater measure information with respect to the military utilization of new weapons and techniques."

The President's Press Secretary, Mr. James Hagerty, told reporters that this meant information on the use and effects of hydrogen bombs and atomic weapons, but did not apply to production secrets. President Eisenhower's message on the European army was unlikely to swing the French Parliament to wholehearted support of the European Defence Community, according to political quarters in Paris tonight.

Just as with Britain's promise of association with EDC announced earlier this week, political quarters felt the American promise to maintain troops on the Continent after the European army treaty was ratified would win over only a small number of Deputies.

In any case, today's American move was hardly expected to influence the all-out position of the 100 Communist and 77 Gaullist Deputies. Nor will it affect the position of Conservative Deputies, who do not want France to abandon her military sovereignty in an integrated army or the growing number of Radicals who oppose the present treaty.

The fact that such an influential Government figure as the Radical Finance Minister,

Royal Visit To West Germany Announced

London, Apr. 16. Princess Margaret is to visit West Germany in July, it was announced tonight from Clarence House, residence of the Queen Mother.

It will be her first visit to the country. She will tour British service units there and be the luncheon guest of the Federal President, 70-year-old Professor Theodore Heuss.—Reuter.

PETROV CASE

Protest By Dr Evatt

Canberra, Apr. 16. Dr H. V. Evatt, Australian opposition leader, today accused Mr R. G. Menzies, the Prime Minister, of exploiting the "Soviet spy ring" case and of "unjustifiable interference with procedures of a just investigation."

He said Mr Menzies had made "unauthorised disclosures" which would increase the difficulties of the Royal Commission of investigation.

Mr Vladimir Petrov, third Secretary at the Soviet Embassy who has sought asylum here and handed over a mass of documents, was today under close security guard.

M. G. I. Kharlovets, press attache at the Russian Embassy, said last night that "not a thing is missing."

Dr Evatt in a statement tonight said it was obvious that Mr Menzies was over-eager to exploit the present situation. "His day by day commentaries referring to the investigation of the Petrov affair call for very close attention," said Dr Evatt.

"In some respects they amount to an unjustifiable interference with the procedures of a just investigation which should always be committed to an impartial tribunal."

"Mr Menzies has actually published information as to the extent of previous knowledge of security intelligence," he said. "Mr Menzies has made suggestions that defence secrets have not been disclosed which is another unauthorised disclosure."

"He has referred to the kind of evidence that might be admissible before the tribunal. He even anticipates the decisions as to procedure which the tribunal alone should be called upon to make."—Reuter.

Vampire Planes Attack Mau Mau

Nairobi, Apr. 16. Vampire jet aircraft have been in action against Mau Mau gangs today for the first time, it was officially announced. The Vampires, whose mission was described as "successful," were flown from Aden to intensify the fight against the Mau Mau.—Reuter.

Chinese Fighting In Indo-China, Report

Chinese Communist soldiers are actually fighting in Indo-China as part of the rebel Vietminh army, said a Hongkong businessman who has just returned from a trip there.

He said French censorship has so far kept this a secret from the outside world, but it was generally known that Chinese participation extended well beyond the sending of teams of advisers.

The informant could not estimate the numbers of Chinese Red soldiers now in Indo-China. But he said they were all dressed in Vietminh uniforms and all spoke Annamese, the language of Indo-China.

It was reported they had undergone a language course in Red China before being sent to Indo-China. There are said to be special language schools set up in places in China close to the Indo-China border.

Because of this language facility and the physical resemblance of true Chinese and Indo-China natives, it is well nigh impossible to tell a Chinese from a Vietminh, said the informant.

CENSORSHIP COMPLAINT

Washington, Apr. 16. The State Department said today the American Embassy in Indo-China had discussed with the French authorities a complaint against French censorship of press reports. The correspondence sent a 300-word appeal to the Ambassador, Mr. Donald Heath, on Wednesday protesting that the censorship was "so serious we can no longer properly carry out our job."

Mr. Parker Jameson, State Department press officer, said the Embassy had taken the matter up with the authorities. He knew of no plans by the State Department to discuss the censorship restrictions, either with the French Embassy here or with French leaders in Paris. "We don't believe there is anything we can do about it," he said.—Reuter.

PROMOTED

Paris, Apr. 16. Colonel Christian de Castrics, Commander of French troops at Dien Bien Phu, has been promoted to Brigadier-General, it was announced here today.

Castrics, 50-year-old son of one of France's oldest military families, has thrown back every assault the Communists have hurled at the Indo-Chinese stronghold. He was described by President Eisenhower last month as "a very brilliant young Colonel."—Reuter.

ATOMIC PLANTS STRIKE OFF

Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Apr. 16. Labour union leaders who had called a strike for midnight tonight at three atomic plants in Oak Ridge today put off their strike call after a Government plea to avert a walkout. It is believed that a similar decision has been taken by union leaders at Paducah, Kentucky, where a fourth atomic plant was to have been affected by the strike.—France-Press.

Cyclone And Tornadoes

Yazpur, North Assam, Apr. 16.

A cyclone which struck this Northeast Indian town last night made 5,000 people homeless.

In 20 minutes the cyclone, said to be the worst for 80 years, swept off hundreds of house roofs and caused damages estimated at tens of thousands of pounds sterling.—Reuter.

Montgomery, Alabama, Apr. 16.

Tornadoes roared into two communities 100 miles apart in south central Alabama early today, wrecking at least four buildings and damaging several others. No one was reported injured.

One tornado struck Wetumpka, a town of about 3,800 in central Alabama, smashing two buildings there. Another storm hit two miles north of Enterprise in Southeast Alabama two hours later. Two houses were "torn up" by the wind.—Reuter.

Holidays Begin Well

Britons Revel In Sunshine

London, Apr. 16. Easter holiday makers who flocked to the country and to seaside resorts throughout Britain today enjoyed a full day of bright spring sunshine.

A few hours after dawn scores of thousands of Britons and their families were swarming out of towns and cities by train, coach, car and bicycle.

Sunny weather lasted until evening over most of the country. But in Northern Scotland skies became cloudy and it rained.

Churches and Cathedrals were packed for special good Friday services. Three-hour services were held in more than 100 churches in the London area.

The Queen Mother and Princess Margaret, who are spending the Easter holiday at the Royal Lodge Windsor, attended morning service at Windsor Royal Chapel.

Special trains were brought into service at London main line stations to cope with the huge crowds which flooded on to the platforms early this morning.

STREAMS OF CARS

Streams of cars crawled, bumper to bumper, on main roads from London to the coast. By noon 25,000 cars an hour were moving out from the capital, a record exit rate for Easter.

Hundreds of visitors to Brighton, popular south coast resort, found that all the hotels were full. They overflowed into nearby Eastbourne in search of accommodation.

At Blackpool on the north-west coast, thousands of Lancashire people swarmed into their favourite resort. A three-mile traffic jam blocked one road into Blackpool and 29 special trains brought in day and weekend visitors. Many Londoners who decided to stay in the capital took the family to their nearest park, beach or common for an afternoon picnic in the brilliant sunshine.—Reuter.

TODAY'S RACING SELECTIONS

By "Rapier" RACE 1

Trade Wind

Liddle

V-J Day

Outsider:—Souvenir.

RACE 2

Aeroplane

Norse Lady

Festival View

Outsider:—Calamity.

RACE 3

Flaming Wheel

First Edition

Cinderella

Outsider:—Field Marshal.

RACE 4

Geronimo

Golden Dahlia

Beat That

Outsider:—Hellzapoppin.

RACE 5

Balsam

Dilly

Seniorita

Outsider:—Tip Top.

RACE 6

Firefly

Fire-Glo

Ben Lomond

Outsider:—Bonita.

RACE 7

Jingle Bell

Bengal Lancer

Mak Slicer

Outsider:—Pot O'Gold.

RACE 8

Blue Bird

Forward View

Lawrence

Outsider:—Jip On.

RACE 9

Thousand Miles

Fung Chi

Smiling Tiger

Outsider:—Hawker Hunter.

RACE 10

Beautiful Star

Mincola

Every Day

Outsider:—Solar Knight.

RACE 11

Harvest Moon

Bitter Sweet

Chelsea

Outsider:—South Pacific.

RACE 12

Serabo

Blondie

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Outsider:—Pearl Diver.

By "The Turf" RACE 1

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First Edition

Outsider:—Flaming Wheel.

RACE 4

Ambition

Winning Rush

Mustang

Outsider:—Hellzapoppin.

RACE 5

Congratulations

Koon-Yum Shan

Balsam

Outsider:—Tip Top.

RACE 6

Firefly

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Fire-Glo

Outsider:—Bonita.

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Outsider:—Mak Slicer.

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Outsider:—Ginger.

RACE 9

Tell-Me-More

Smiling Tiger

Thousand Miles

Outsider:—Fung Chi.

RACE 10

Beautiful Star

Mincola

Giddy

Outsider:—Debutante.

RACE 11

Harvest Moon

South Pacific

Bitter Sweet

Outsider:—Miami Beauty.

RACE 12

Citation

Royal Command

Tune-Phone

Outsider:—High Step.

A Sympathetic Voice For Dr Oppenheimer

Washington, Apr. 16. A high administration official said today the files on J. Robert Oppenheimer makes "a prime facie case of security risk," but that he personally believes the famed scientist is a loyal American.

The official has seen the data which led to the recent decision to ban Dr Oppenheimer from further work on atomic matters while a review of the case is being conducted.

This official said the Oppenheimer case raises a question whether a man who at one time may have had bad associations should be forever precluded from employment in a sensitive government job.

"I do not believe it should," he said. "Each case must be considered on its own merits."

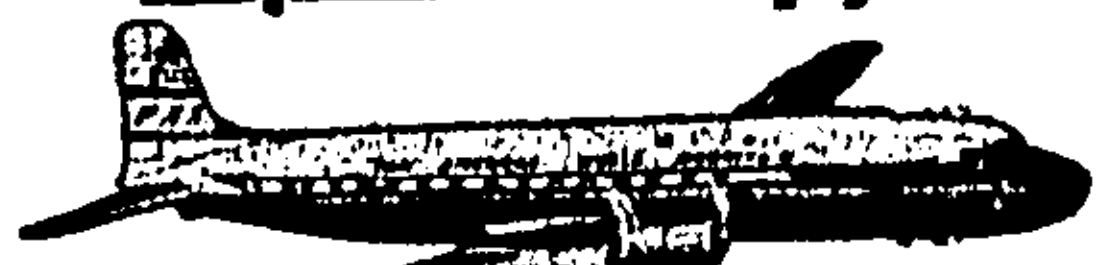
We must retain the principle that a man has the right to change his mind."

Speaking generally, he said he did not favour laying down a rule that anyone who ever had anything to do with the Communist conspiracy should be forever barred.

He said you should also take into consideration whether the break had been clean, there has been a subsequent showing of unwavering loyalty, and the value to the government of the individual involved.—United Press.

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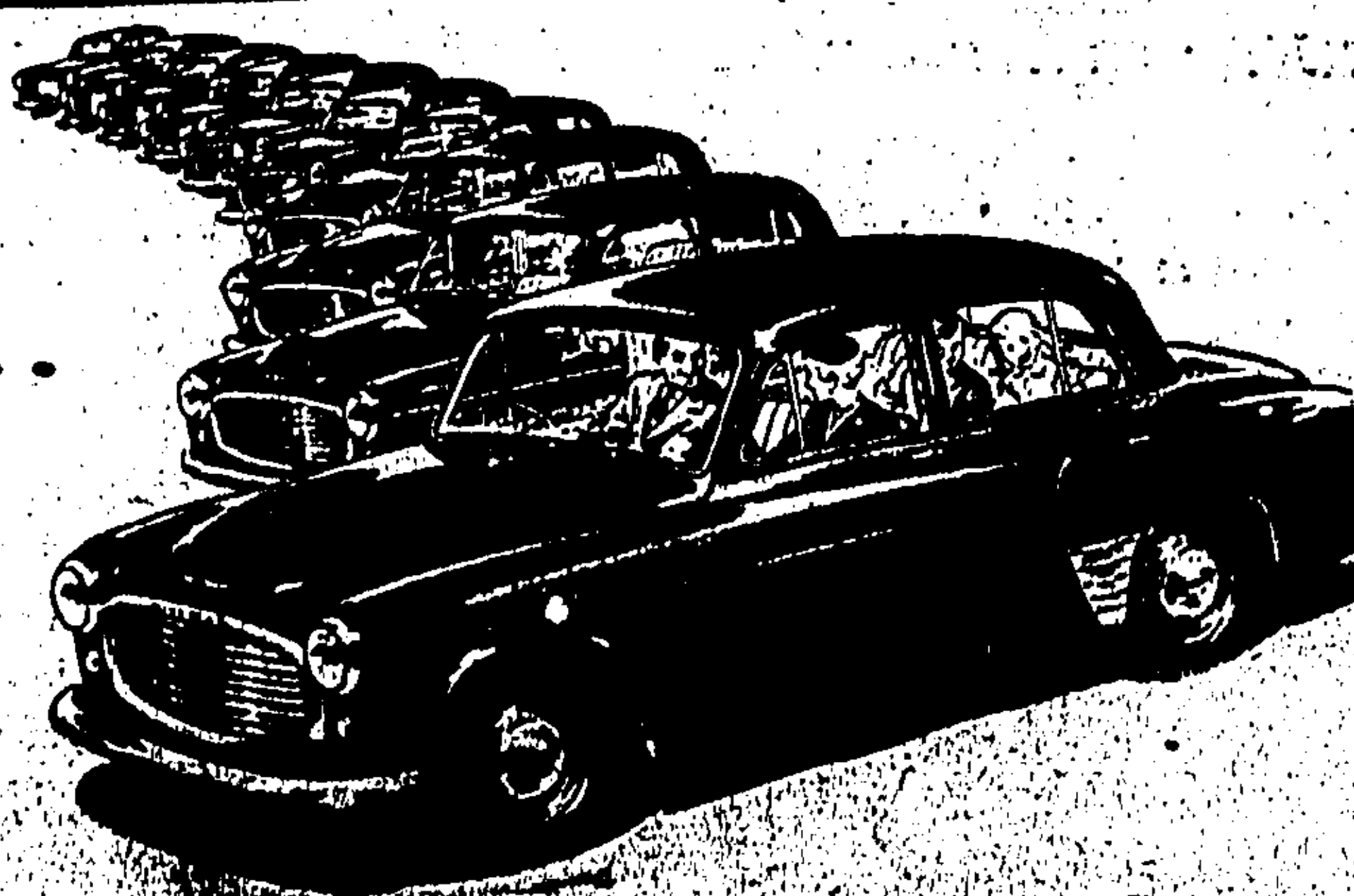
Nine Sentenced To Death

Rabat, Morocco, Apr. 16. Nine Moroccans were sentenced to death here today for the murder of three local officials. An appeal for mercy has been lodged by the condemned men. One of the victims, Larbi Bargach, was a personal friend of El Ghoul, Fasha of Marrakesh.—Reuter.

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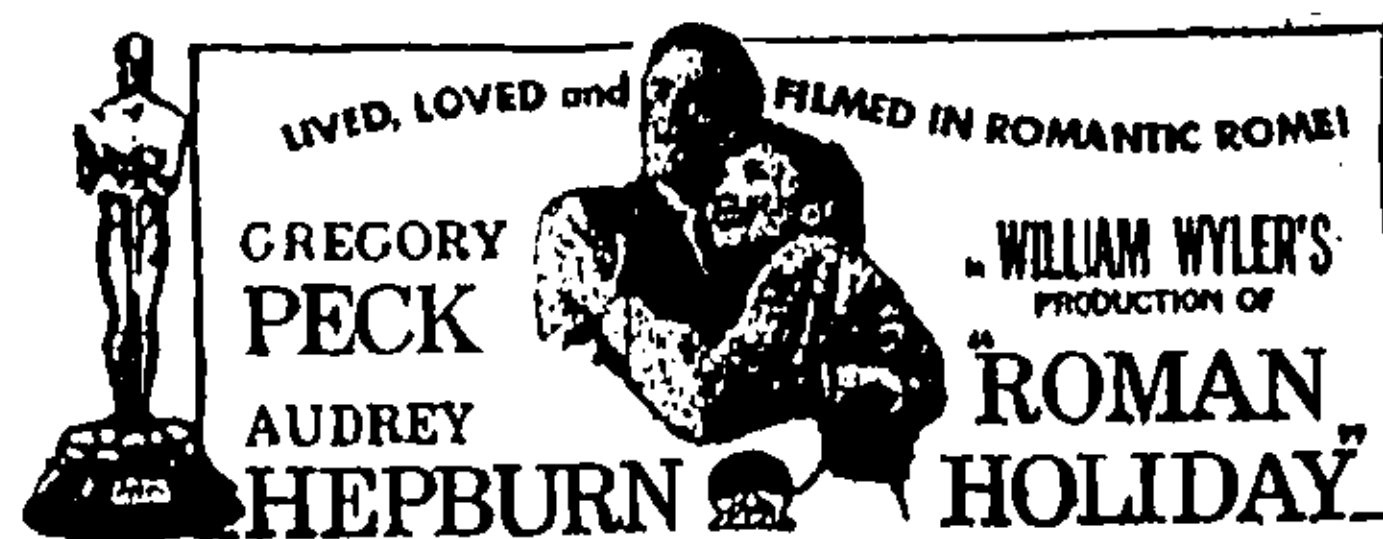
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**FILMS — CURRENT AND COMING**

By JANE ROBERTS

Most of the big pictures I told you about last week are continuing for a week to ten days — "ROMAN HOLIDAY", "MOGAMBO", "HIS MAJESTY O'KEEFE", "THE GLENN MILLER STORY" and "BENEATH THE 12-MILE REEF".

They're nearly all starting as we go to Press — everything being one day early this week because of the Easter holiday. For this reason I haven't been able to see "ROMAN HOLIDAY" again and as the promised preview of "BENEATH THE 12-MILE REEF" didn't materialise, I haven't seen that at all.

As, however, it's one of 20th Century Fox's big CinemaScope productions, you'll be wanting to know something about it before deciding which of the five much advertised films you want to see over the holidays.

First of all, "BENEATH THE 12-MILE REEF" relies a great deal, I believe, on under-water shots of diving for sponges. The Greek crew of the boat "Aedon" consists of father (Gilbert Roland), son (Robert Wagner), and uncle (J. Carroll Nash) and because of a bad season, decides to reach on rival grounds fished by an English party.

As if this is not enough to stir up trouble between the two boats, Robert Wagner falls for Terry Moore, the daughter of one of the rival party, who was, until then, rather unsuccessfully being courted by a second member of the crew.

Very bitter feeling develops between the Greeks and the English — only the two young people, Terry Moore and Robert Wagner, managing to stay out of it — and breaks out later into fighting and tragedy.

The film is the third presentation in the CinemaScope process in Technicolor and is photographed off the coast of Florida. This is a very photogenic part of the world from what I can remember of previous pictures of it.

It will be interesting to see how Gilbert Roland has worn with the years — he looks surprisingly youthful and fit from the firm stills. Did you realise he

first started acting on the films in the "silent" days? We shall be seeing him again soon in "THE FRENCH LINE" — that much discussed Howard Hughes picture, starring Jane Russell, that will be coming to the LEE after "THE GLENN MILLER STORY".

ROMAN HOLIDAY

The second of the big Easter films about which I've not said much so far is "ROMAN HOLIDAY". Since "ROMAN HOLIDAY" first came out, Audrey Hepburn's face seems to gaze at us from every magazine. If she's not on the cover, then she's inside, featuring in one of those "girl most likely to succeed" type of articles that take up so much of the printing area of the glossy magazines.

Or she's arrayed in a snappy little play suit, gazing wistfully into an oven, with underneath a caption like "Audrey's taking a home-cooking course". Everyone can now play safe and say that he, she or it predicted a star-studded future for this girl years ago.

I suppose all this is the inevitable fate of someone with two stage successes ("Gigi" and "On the Line") and a film hit to their credit at such an early age, but let's hope it doesn't go to her head and spoil the future for her.

Most of "ROMAN HOLIDAY" is fun — Eddie Albert is featured with the stars Gregory Peck and Audrey Hepburn, and he's nearly always played in comedies — but there are parts of it that are intensely moving.

One is quite genuinely affected with pity for the princess who cannot escape her responsibilities and indulge in the youthful freedom allowed commoners. This may sound impossible, as everyone envies a princess and thinks that even if the life is a bit restricted, its compensations far outweigh the disadvantages, but it doesn't appear so in the film.

THEN ESCAPE

At the beginning we see the poor girl led trance-like through public engagements and triumphal tours — every second of her life organised. Suddenly,

slightly drugged by a sedative, she decides to escape for a few hours from her dull duties.

Gregory Peck is the newspaperman who finds her, realises who she is and immediately grasps her potentialities as news value.

While the Embassy is in a turmoil over the absence of the princess, she and Gregory Peck "do" Rome. Not the museums and the art galleries, but the ordinary places — markets, a night club on a barge and the Forum by moonlight.

Trailing along behind them goes Eddie Albert, taking pictures. He and Gregory Peck are going to make a small fortune from this scoop — the princess doesn't know they realise who she is and Gregory Peck doesn't suspect that he's going to spoil all his money-making chances by falling in love with her.

The contrast between the dignity of Audrey Hepburn when discharging her duties as princess both before and after her meeting with the newspaperman and her simple, school-girlish excitement when she's out seeing Rome with him, is of the delights of the film.

Gregory Peck's mixture of tenderness, hardness and humour is also most convincing, while Eddie Albert supports admirably, being not a scone stealer, but a perfect complement to the stars.

William Wyler is the director. Oh, and Hartley Power — an old favourite of mine — has a small part in the picture which he plays in his usual delightfully cynical way.

FIVE BIG FILMS

I don't think it's too early to tell you about five big films that Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer will be putting out in the first week of June, in celebration of this studio's 30th anniversary.

Clark Gable has left them to work independently, but they still have some very impressive stars under contract. Here are some of them you'll be seeing.

Robert Taylor, Ava Gardner and Mel Ferrer in "KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE"

with Robert Taylor as Sir Launcelot, Ava Gardner as Queen Guinevere and Mel Ferrer as King Arthur himself. This will be shown on May 31.

Then next day comes the film version of the successful show "KISS ME KATE" with a streamlined Kathryn Grayson in the leading role, that clever dancer, Ann Miller, in the featured cast as Blanche and Howard Keel as the male lead.

On June 2 (a Wednesday), we'll be seeing William Holden, (always, these days, turning in a good performance), Eleanor Parker and John Forsythe in "ESCAPE FROM FORT BRAVO". This is a tale of American Civil War days in which Eleanor Parker, while trying to effect the escape of her Confederate fiancé, falls in love with the story-heated Yankee captain (William Holden).

"ALL THE BROTHERS WERE VALIANT" will be the next to be shown. This gives us Stewart Granger, presumed killed at sea, who is found, wants to claim Ann Blyth, his former sweetheart, only to find his quieter brother (Robert Taylor) in possession.

The final day brings that American Television husband and wife team, Lucille Ball and dance band leader Desi Arnaz, in "THE LONG LONG TRAILER". This is the first picture Lucille Ball has made for three years.

All five are in Technicolor and will be shown at the CAPITOL and LIBERTY. What a grand week!

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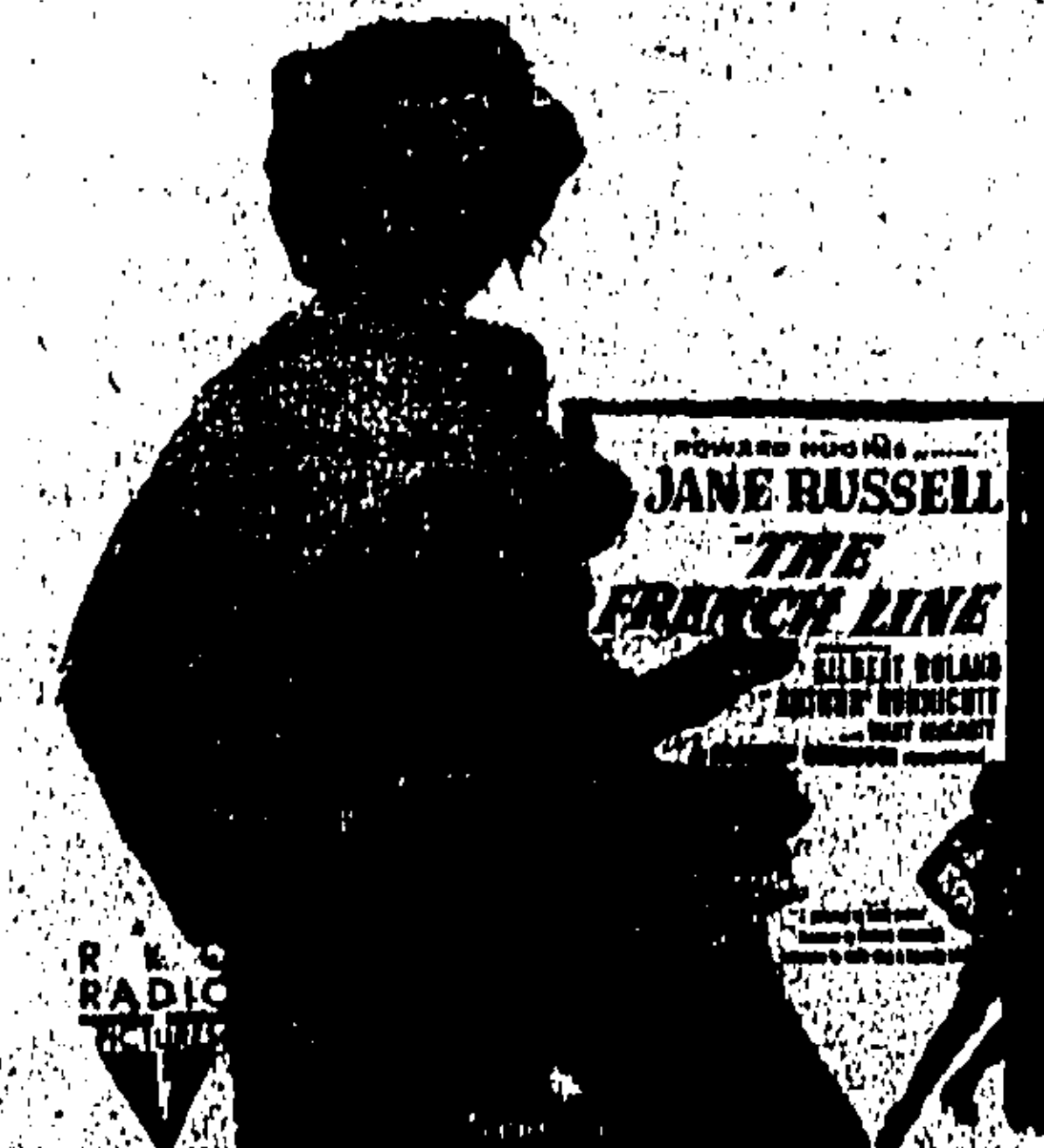
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Day Of Reckoning

THE problems confronting Mr. Butler and those which William faces, have some points in common. Each involves balancing a budget and making provision for the present and the future while bedevilled by inescapable commitments from the past.

Mr. Butler makes do with one Budget Day a year, but for William budget day falls seven times each week. Each morning, waking in the grey lodging-house cubicle where he sleeps, William must count his money, and plan the day ahead.

Two shillings, he knows, he will need for his bed at night, fall, 5s. for food and cigarettes.

DODGING
If less than 7s. tumbles from his pockets, desperate measures become necessary. William is obliged to do a job of work.

He takes care, thus, of current expenditure, but piling up all the time, as remorselessly as the National Debt, is the legacy of trouble William has inherited from his own past.

A court some years ago ordered him to pay £1 5s. 6d. a week to the wife from whom he is separated. William has managed to dodge making these payments for some years, until the sum he owes his wife amounts to several hundred pounds.

The other day, William's financial troubles came home to roost at last.

WILLIAM'S WIFE
At the Old Street court, William, a hollow-cheeked, stubby man, grey in complexion as in hair, though he is only 40, pleaded guilty to stealing 20 bottles of hair-cream.

It was not his first crime. There were six previous convictions against him, including one for stealing a piano. But in the dock, William seemed as apprehensive as any first offender, and from time to time he glanced uneasily over his shoulder towards the witnesses' bench.

From there, a woman as largely proportioned as he was slightly built, regarded him with a cold, continuous, unblinking stare.

ANOTHER MATTER
THE police told Mr. H. F. R. Sturge, the magistrate, the story of the hair-cream theft and then they said: "There is another matter, sir." They told about the warrant that had been out for a long time for William's arrest regarding the debt to his wife.

William was marched round to the witness-box to speak on oath of his means and explain why the money had never been paid.

"What are you earning?" the learned clerk asked him.

"Well, not enough to pay anything, really," he said, and Press.

seemed to shrink still smaller as a policeman showed his wife to a chair near the box.

"Nothing," said William. "The week before?" "About £4."

YOU GAMBLER.
"HOW have you been living?" William made his budget speech, and told the magistrate of the odd jobs he did around the markets.

He was sent back to the dock. His wife took his place in the witness-box, and was asked if she had any questions to ask him. She shook her head until her big ear-rings rattled. She poured scorn on William with her eyes.

The magistrate turned to William. "I don't think there's any excuse for what you've done," he said. "You gambled you wouldn't be found out, and you were. Go to prison for two months."

William ducked out quickly, as if his wife's glare, which followed him, were raining blows upon his thin shoulders. She left a moment later, by another door, and went out proud as an heiress which, if William should ever pay up, she would, in a modest way, become.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"The parking space was much too short; George—but I'll bet you're glad I didn't get a ticket for double parking!"

Trailers Help Solve Housing Problem

Toronto.

Life in a trailer is a healthy, convenient and economical means of getting around the housing shortage, according to most of the 18,000 trailer owners in Canada.

Without any more thought than it takes to put a foot on an accelerator you can 'build' your home under an elm-covered grove beside a wandering stream far from anywhere. Tired of the scenery? With the drop of a word from the wife you're off to look for better.

Trailer accommodation is slightly crowded all right but trailer wives answering the quiz put by the Canadian Trailer Coach Association are quick to point out the advantages.

"Many people seem to think that trailers are cramped," Mrs. William Ballie, a Burlington trailer wife says. "Well, they are if you don't keep them tidy. As for children, they have a healthier and happier life in a trailer park. They play out of doors more than city children, and find a greater variety of playmates."

The man of house—oops, trailer,—has his say too. A mechanic employed at the Ontario Hydro project at Niagara Falls says trailer life "is way ahead of renting flats

CHEAPER UPKEEP

According to Mrs. Jean Fisher, a Hamilton trailerwife, you can pay for a trailer within three to four years. She says its upkeep is one tenth of that of a house.

Then of course if the trailer-holder has an "on-the-move" job, as in the case with a Sarnia oil driller, the family is not separated for long periods. His wife states "If we couldn't live this way, my husband would be away from us for three to five months at a time."

About half of Canada's trailer population is made up of construction workers—in the North, on hydro projects, bulldozing roads, drilling for oil and laying pipelines.

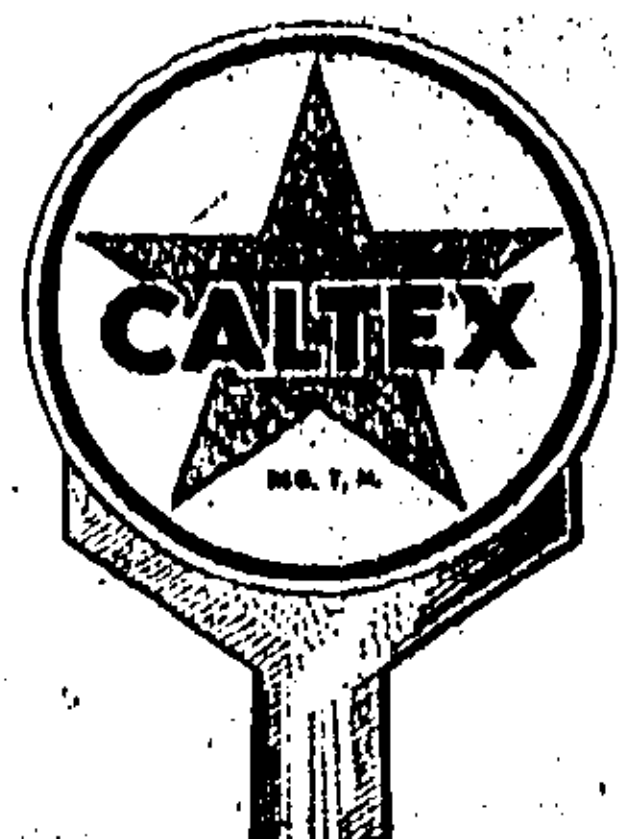
Others, under less pressure to live on wheels, do so because they like it. Some who answered the CTCA quiz said they bought their first trailer as a way out of the housing problem with the intention of saving and buying a house. Instead they saved and bought a bigger trailer.

"We have bedroom, living room, complete kitchen and bathroom—everything but excess floor space in our trailer," a Windsor car mechanic said. "We wouldn't trade our trailer for any house."—United Press.

New Varieties Of Cherries

Genova, N. Y. A 40-year search for better sweet cherries at the New York state agricultural experiment station has led to introduction of three new varieties, Seneca, Sodus and Gil Peck.

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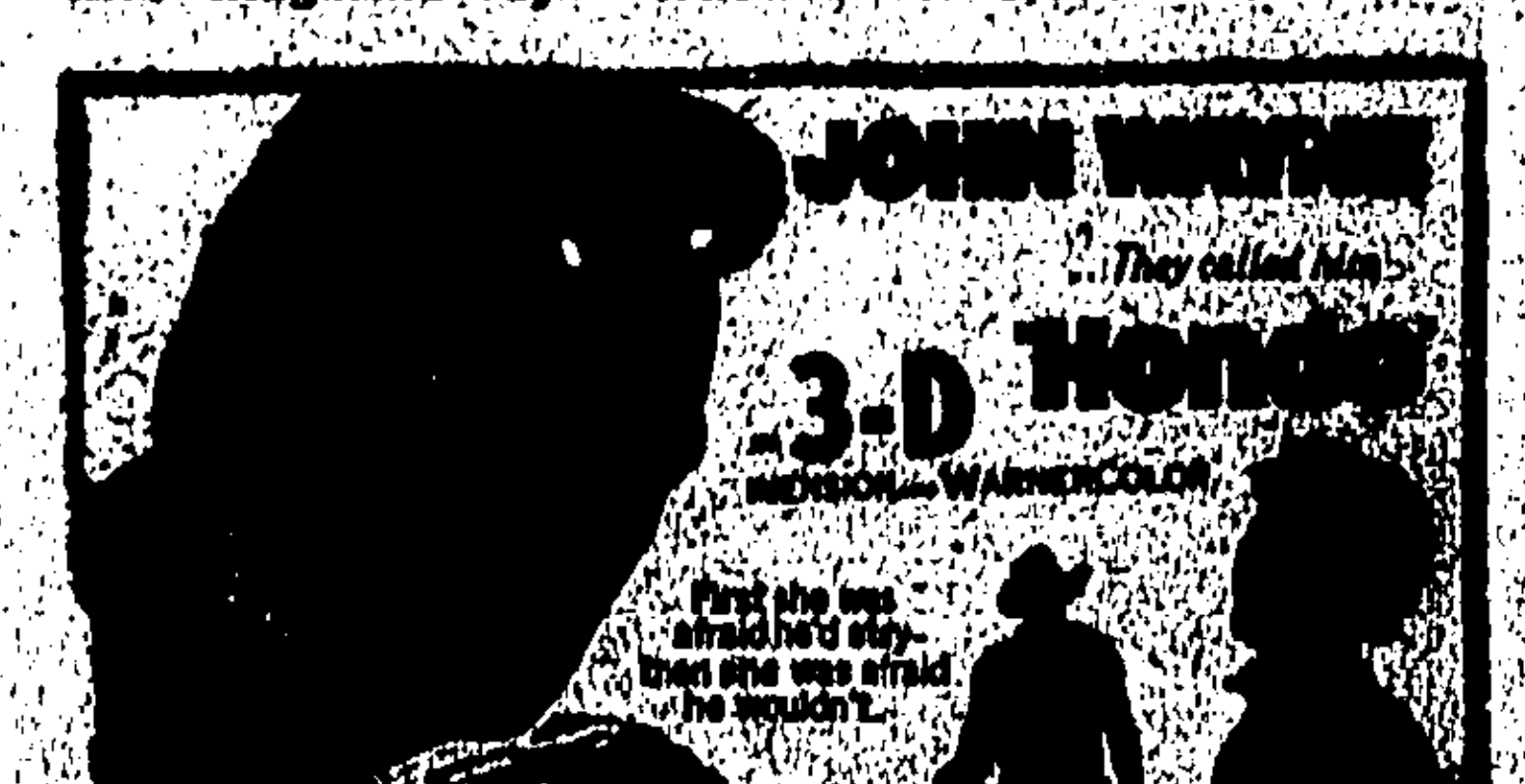
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PRINCESS MARGARET faces a battery of nurses' cameras after opening an extension to the Kingsbury Maternity Hospital, Middlesex. Earlier, the Princess unveiled a plaque to commemorate the opening of the new extension. (Express).

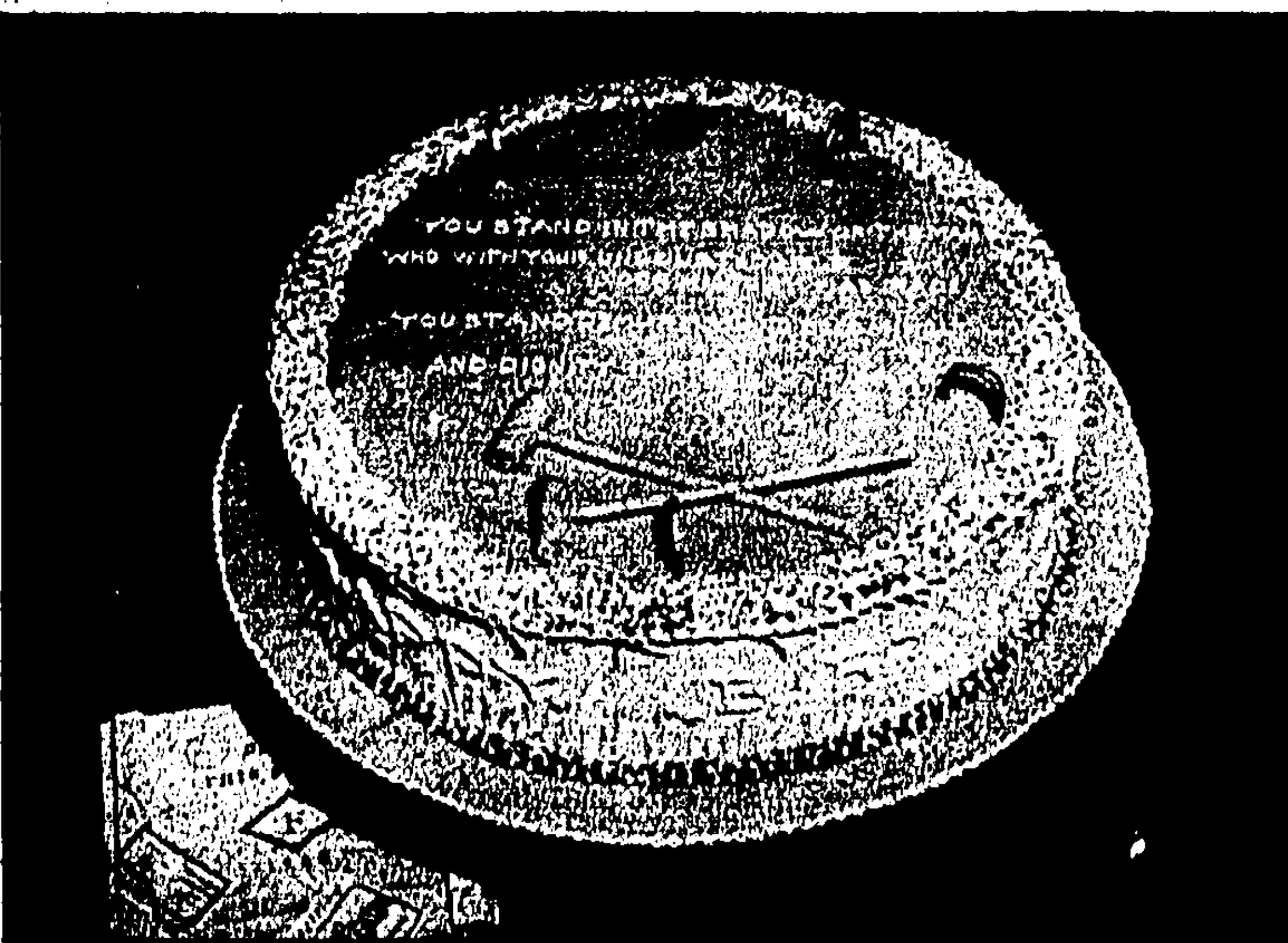


SINGING star, 53-year-old Evelyn Laye, who has not been in a musical for nine years, scored a great success when the new show, "Wedding in Paris," opened recently at the London Hippodrome. (Express).



THE bearded man on the left is the Abbe Pierre of Paris, who has raised £400,000 by his passionate work for the homeless of the French capital. He was in London to address a World Government meeting at the Central Hall, Westminster. (Express).

BELOW: The birthday cake for Lady Churchill, who was 69 on April 1. It was baked in Soho by Mme Floris, and illustrates Lady Churchill's interest in gardening and croquet. The verse on top of the cake was composed by Mme Floris's son. (Express).



HOMESIDE PICTORIAL



LONDON fashion model Joan Burgess, who has many times modelled bridal gowns, chose for her own wedding dress white silk organza, with a neatly pin-tucked bodice, long sleeves, winged collar and a full swirling skirt. She is seen leaving the church with the bridegroom, Richard Hicks, company director and polo player. (Express).



NOEL COWARD went to see "The Boy Friend," a 1920 style of musical, at the Wyndham Theatre, London, the other day. He is seen backstage after the show chatting with Anne Rogers, one of the cast. (Express).



RIGHT: Shoemaker Papa doesn't seem to mind the blare of a trumpet in his cobbler's shop. In fact, he is happy about it. For the trumpeter son is Eddie Calvert, whose recording of "O Mein Papa" has already sold 1,500,000. Eddie's father's shop is in Preston, Lancashire. (Express).



LEFT: Mrs Pamela Russell, who broke her back in a riding accident, recited poetry on television from her wheel chair recently. She is seen arranging daffodils in the Stoke Mandeville, Bucks, spinal hospital. (Express).



THE Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr R. A. Butler, Mrs Butler, their 17-year-old son, James, and 10-year-old daughter, Sarah, arriving at the tiny Church of St James the Apostle, Greenstead Green, Essex, on the Sunday before Budget Day. Mr Butler read the lessons at the request of the vicar. (Express)



SEVEN-YEAR-OLD Reggie Bates, of Stone, near Dartford, Kent, was blinded for life when he toppled from a slide in a Council playground. A High Court jury has awarded him £17,500 damages against the Parish Council of Stone. (Express).

NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



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WHICH IS YOUR CLASS?

By JOHN WARD

Do you think you are middle class—or working class?

That is the sort of personal question the public opinion pollsters ask nowadays.

They no longer confine themselves to what win the elections? An example of their spread to new fields is the United Nations poll to discover "How Nations See Each Other," whose results were recently published by the University of Illinois Press.

The answers are illuminating.

Take social class. Americans were asked if they considered themselves to be in the upper, middle or lower class. Nearly all replied: "middle."

This confirmed the conventional view of Americans as a self-respecting people with few snobs.

But when the questions were rephrased—changing lower class to working class—the results were different.

Now, half the population termed themselves working class instead of middle class.

So it seems that Americans, though they do not like to be considered as "lower" in any way, still like the prestige of being workers.

Not Alone

They are not alone in this view. The experiment, carried out in many other countries, showed that nearly all nations felt the same about class distinction.

However, there was some interesting exceptions.

Britain, traditionally regarded as the land of snobs, had of all countries the highest number of persons regarded themselves as working class. Only a third of the population, apparently, think of themselves as middle-class.

France had the largest percentage of "upper class"—six percent. Norway had the smallest—one percent.

When it came to a choice of "the best country to live in" the Americans came out on top with their own.

The next most self-satisfied nations were the Australians and the British.

But one-fifth to a third of the peoples of Italy, Germany, Holland, Norway and Mexico were dissatisfied with their native lands and chose America as the land of opportunity.

Interesting but how accurate? Since the prediction that Dewey would win against Truman in the 1948 Presidential election, polls have lost prestige as truthful guides.

The basis of polling is the theory of probability.

For example, take a box of marbles, some black, the rest white, and scoop up several handfuls.

The theory says that the average ratio of black to white in the samples will never vary more than three percent from the actual ratio in the box, provided enough samples are taken.

A Difference

Scooping up samples is similar to the procedure of the pollsters who question groups of people from various social and economic levels.

Consequently, they argue, their results should be accurate. But there is a difference between scooping up marbles and asking questions. The people have to make up their minds before answering.

Sometimes this questioning affects the way they think on a particular issue.

For example, when the pollsters announce before an election that one side or another has the greatest favour among the people, the actual voting may be influenced.

The side said to be winning tend to relax their efforts. Supporters may not bother to go to the polls, thinking that the decision in their favour is assured. Consequently the other side catches up and polls more votes.

So, in fact, polls run the same risk as counting chickens before they are hatched.



"Come out the boy who was mucking about with hydrogen in science class this morning."

London Express Service

TWO MAGIC (but sometimes) MILES

AND a royal pair of white gloves getting that London Look will mean that at last SHE IS HOME

IN THE DAYS when the Queen begins her return voyage, two co-operators forsake their more-usual theme of fashion and the sophisticated world to go exploring Thames-side... on the two miles of the river between Tower Bridge and Westminster Pier... the miles along which the Queen will sail in the royal barge (unless there is fog) on May 15... the last two miles that will bring her HOME.

SAILING up the river on a Sunday afternoon with clean white gloves on, we covered the last lap of the Queen's journey home along the Thames. And we report that the Queen's white gloves will get dirtier more quickly on this two-mile stretch than anywhere else she has been.

We can report too that the best view is still ahead for the woman who has seen half the world. For those two miles along her misty leaden river beat for interest all the other 50,000 golden miles of her trip.

Two miles of muddy Thames that for a Londoner means home. Two astonishing miles where you can see the whole sprawled crazy mix-up that is London. Two miles between Tower Bridge and Westminster.

All styles...

Sailors in jerseys, brokers in pin stripes, and Beefeaters in uniform... Neon lights chandeliers, and gas lamps... Streets in Billingsgate which are finishing work at nine in the morning, and streets in Whitehall which are beginning work then...

The world's loveliest church—St Paul's—half-blocked from sight by one of the world's ugliest buildings—Farraday Buildings, the international telephone exchange... Friendly, dirty little cafes in which egg and chips are routine and cost 1s. 6d., and the grandiose, impersonal Savoy where egg and chips are unconventional and cost 8s...

The enormous, official County Hall, where committees make enormous official plans for improving London; and small crowded houses, where little people have got on with the job on their own and filled their window-boxes with flowers

Celebrated men like Sir Hartley Shawcross walking

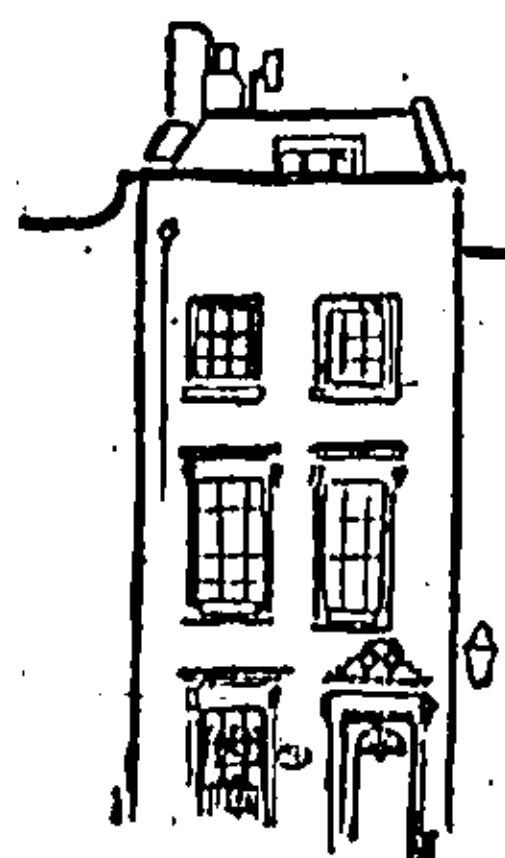
from his chambers in the Temple and not so-so-celebrated men like Stan Green, the tugboat skipper, who handles his stout, smutty tug Framfield like a toy.

There he is, snug on the bridge every day with a screen between him and the wind and a little stove to keep him warm, with a cup of tea always ready below. "It's so strong," he said, "it will cure rheumatism. But the boys didn't like to bring you a cup because we haven't any saucers."

Off we go

SAILING up the Thames on a Sunday afternoon, then tracking back along the banks, and returning by night—this is the London we saw...

Piermaster Jones waved us off from the little Tower Pier where the brass lamps freshly



The house in which Christopher Wren is supposed to have lived from which he watched St. Paul's being built.

polished shine like gold. The trucks and buses and coaches crossing Tower Bridge looked like toys. The Queen's swans took flight, wheeling into the grey sky under grey Tower Bridge, their white wings smudged grey with oil from ships.

Giant names

SAILING up the Thames on a Sunday afternoon, and the white gloves have collected a few smuts already...

THE BIG MONEY STRETCH, where giant names above the wharves reflect the wealth the river brings to London... beer, fur, fish, paper, eggs, raisins, vermouth. "You can often get a packet of raisins

free," said a woman who lives near by, "but they are jolly tight on the vermouth."

JIMMY CAGNEY - LAND, the narrow back streets of wharfed with long dark lanes for film thugs to flee down, slippery steps to chase up, and desolate patches of beach under dark bridges—to get caught and shot on...

Nothing sinister about the names though—Puddle Dock and Trig Lane, Garlick Hill and Rose Alley, Pudding Lane and Pickle Hering Stairs. And on the office door-plates the quaint London names that fascinated Dickens—Woodward Weaver, Pome and Dunwoody, Croggins, Hopker.

Then, suddenly, to remind you that the river is the road from everywhere—"Mirrored, Oriental Carpet Seller." Or a notice offering a trip "a thousand miles down the Amazon" in s.s. Hilary or s.s. Hildebrand (round trip from Liverpool, £270, every six weeks), recalling what intrepid travellers required British business folk can be.

To everywhere...

SAILING up the river on a Sunday afternoon, and there are plenty of smuts on the clean gloves now...

BILLINGSGATE, where the pubs and the bankers are open at seven in the morning, where once there were fishwives and swear words and buyers in top hats.

The fish are still there all right—very-blue lobsters alive and clawing smoked cod packed in little boxes, all wrapped up and looking like a box of yellow crystallised fruit; huge tubs of cockles, winkles and mussels; and gleaming silver salmon, bigger than a fisherman's he would stretch.

But the fishwives have gone to the ports, and the porters, far from speaking the sort of language no lady should hear, did not breathe a bad word. In fact they are on the radio now. "I was interviewed by a young man last week," said one of them suavely, "for a broadcast."

JUST BEYOND LONDON BRIDGE, the unlikeliest sight imaginable—an elegant little house, squashed in between wharves and warehouses and cranes.

It is No. 49, Bankside, where Christopher Wren is supposed to have lived. The house was built by the architect who could see from the window how his work was getting on. Now it belongs to the son of Axel Munthe, who wrote "The Story of San Michele."

It's the prettiest little house you could find, with a cobbled lane beside it, the only house for miles with a tree in its garden, and a gas lamp over the front door.

"I know some people would not like to live here," said Mrs. Clare Black, who rents a room. "True, we do have to slam the back windows of the house tight, because of the smells and the smoke. But we're all crazy about the view from the front windows."

"I think the fascination of it is that it's such a rare view of London. Look at St. Paul's now that it's dark." And there it was—a great, grey phantom rising out of black river.

Nearby is The George, an old oak-beamed pub, that lives up to what a pretty old pub by the river should be. It has a warm coal fire, a long, low room with polished tables and chairs, and hard-boiled eggs on the counter to be eaten with pork pie and bitter.

A new look

SAILING up the river on a Sunday afternoon, and the once-white gloves are grey.

WHARFLAND IS BEHIND US, and ahead are the big, ponderous business blocks, best seen faded out into the night. For this is the bit which is far prettier by night—the bit where the big lights begin, and the grey, sullen, day-time Thames puts on her black and diamonds.

At night buses fly across the sky, for the bridge has faded. Trains turn into long, twisting glowworms whizzing into the blackness. Swans turn pink in the pool of light from the scarlet neon sign advertising beer.

Dr. J.L. Martin, the architect who helped to create the building which turns into an aquarium of light—the Festival Hall—is as British as they come, about his achievement. What does he think of his work, the newest building on the river? "Yes, it does look rather lively by night," he told us, smiling a cautious little smile.

Sharpest bend

SAILING up the river and the once-white gloves aren't fit to be seen...

PICTURE POSTCARD THAMES... statues and grand bridges and Embankment Gardens planted with yellow tulips. Here, within a few yards of each other you see the newest lamp-posts in London—and some of the oldest.

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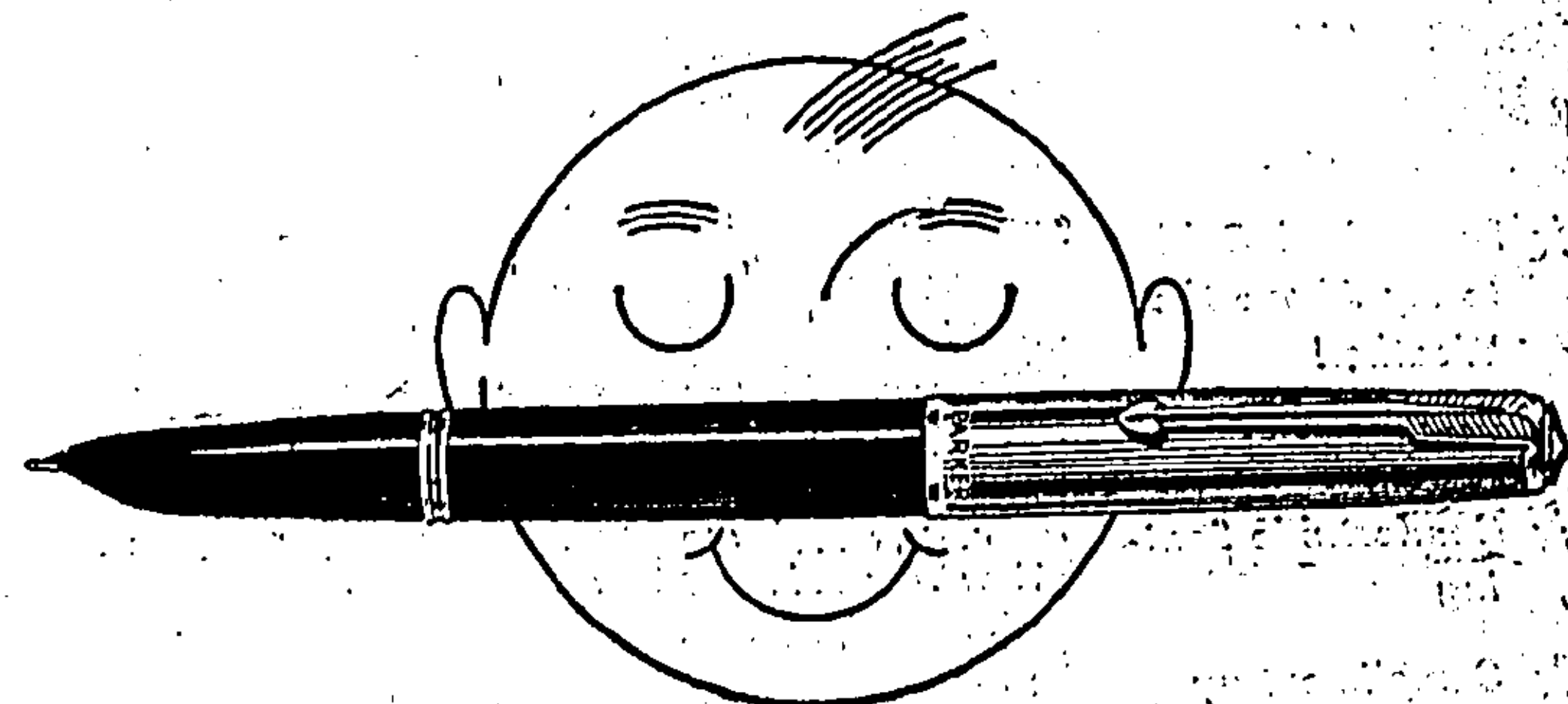
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The Fight that Finished the Champion

SMASH! AND DEMPSEY WENT FLYING OUT OF THE RING

ANY non-psychopathic schoolboy will tell you that it was Gene Tunney, the odds-on favourite, who knocked Jack Dempsey off that international honey-pot, the heavyweight championship of the world. Knocked him off in 1926, and kept him off in 1927.

Yet Jack Kearns, the fabulous character who managed and manoeuvred Dempsey from hobo to hero in those dollar-spinning days, was admitting to me in New York only recently that Dempsey's decline could in some measure be traced to at least three years before the Tunney disasters.

Back to that sensational second-round knock-out over the outsize Argentine, Louis Angel Firpo, at New York's Polo Grounds on September 14, 1923—the last time Dempsey's hand was raised in victory in a world championship fight. The champion's dollar reign continued to the tune of millions, but Kearns will tell you that it was the giant Firpo who, before being right-hooked into 10 seconds of insensibility, first exposed defensive chinks in the savagery that was Dempsey.

Eighty-two thousand spectators paid \$375,000 to watch the exposure, crammed into three minutes and 57 seconds of melodrama.

DREAMS

Two months earlier, Dempsey and Kearns had cleaned up a fortune at Shelby, Montana, with their now historic points decision in a title defence against "Tiny" Tom Gibbons. Dempsey, relaxing, was less fit than he might have been for Firpo, who despite the traditional lull being trumpeted by promoter Tex Rickard, was considered to be no great shakes by the people advising champion Jack.

Every man in boxing dreams up world heavyweight champions, and the Spanish-Italian Firpo, born in Buenos Aires 27 years previously, came strictly within the category of muscle men to whom the public might reasonably be persuaded to pay tribute in large portions.

In fact, his chief and almost only asset was an enormous physical strength, ending from 6ft. 3in. of masculinity weighing nearly 10 stone. Of the boxing arts, if we are talking in world title terms, he knew next to nothing—but there was little wrong with his "promotion."

You could hardly call Tex Rickard a dumb-bell. They brought Firpo from the Argentine to New Jersey, talked in not-so-hushed tones of his demonic ring ferocity, labelled him Wild Bull of the Pampas, and set about the build-up. Firpo overwhelmed half a dozen lesser lights; then they turned him loose on Jess Willard, the giant cowboy from whom Dempsey had taken the title.

DEMOLITION

Firpo performed his demolition job in eight rounds, was paraded some "more in easy touches" from Battle Creek to Nebraska, and was finally introduced as the angry bull who would assuredly devour Dempsey.

How nearly it happened! Dempsey, reputedly annoyed by a cool reception from the crowd, sprang from his stool, charged ferociously at Firpo, missed by a foot with a left-hand haymaker, and floundered in mid-ring. Had the enormous Firpo had the faintest suspicion of boxing intelligence, he could have won the fight there and then.

Instead, he gaped in astonishment, and Dempsey, recovering balance and poise in the manner of a champion, leapt in for redress. Dempsey hooked, Firpo swung. They clinched. The referee, dapper little Johnny Gallagher, snapped instructions to break—and Firpo, the bull without a fighting brain, dropped his hands.

You do not give the Dempseys of this world two such chances. In a flash he had pile-driven a left hook at the underfed Firpo, and there was 6ft. 3in. of Firpo on the floor. All this within 15 seconds of the opening bell—and Firpo's seconds gleefully platiately but ineffectually for a foul.

Game savage, but untutored in the art of taking as long a breather as possible when you've been hammered, Firpo sprang to his feet—straight into another knock-down left on his aching chin.

Again he jumped up without a count—but this time, to more sensational purpose. To the

amazement of the cheering crowd, Firpo clubbed a terrific right swing that sent Dempsey into reverse in his heels, and followed through with at least six doses of the same kind of damaging medicine.

Back came the indignant Dempsey, gloves smashed their targets in a hurricane of punches, blood spurted, and in no time at all Firpo's battered length had crashed to the floor again.

No quick recovery this time. That left hook would have put lesser men out for 10 hours, let alone seconds. Firpo, in fact, still had one knee touching down at the time.

Had he really beaten the count in that third tumble? Dempsey, in no mood to argue needles, took deliberate aim with another left hook, found contact on the side of Firpo's jaw, and stepped back while they tottered on a few more dead

by GEORGE WHITING

seconds over the recumbent "hope" from the Argentine.

Knock-down No. 4. Up again, a game and desperate right swing that raked an angry red flush on Dempsey's ribs—then down again, like a log, for the fifth time, as the scowling, blue-climbed champion smashed a short right to the face.

At "six," the wounded, outraged Firpo, defying incredibly every law of punch absorption, was up and bludgeoning away again—only to suffer knock-down No. 6 as Dempsey blasted his way inside the ponderous swings with his famous "two-timer" left to the body and right to the jaw.

Still no surrender. Unheeded of the screaming spectators, and mindful only of the pain that thudded inside him from toe to temple, Firpo struggled up and stood his ground in yet another flurry of vicious punches. Dempsey took everything, but kept his head and answered back as a champion should.

For a seventh time the blood-soaked Firpo hit the floor, and

for a seventh time he rose, full of angry, burning fight.

Finished? Never. Those 82,000 spectators had not yet had their money's worth. Firpo swung every ounce of his still considerable strength into another unyielding but effective right-hander. It fetched up plumb on the point of Dempsey's chin—and the champion of the world had his feet swept from under him.

Up on the instant, Dempsey charged furiously at the lumbering enemy who had defied him to the point of insipience. But Firpo clubbed and swung like a man possessed, and gradually, painfully, the champion was beaten downward and backward until his headless legs had carried him crouching to the ropes—at Firpo's mercy.

CLIMAX

Then, as a white-hot climax, came the punch that will be discussed and argued about for ever. Striding in for the kill, Firpo wound up his right arm and smashed his fist in upward surge on the point of Dempsey's jaw.

Out of the ring went the pole-axed Dempsey, crashing and clattering head first into the teleprinters and typewriters of the assembled reporters, and coming to earth in the lap of the astonished Kid McFarland, one of the judges.

At once, with all mouths screaming and heads off, the timekeeper began his counts—what time the pop-eyed pressmen began heaving the luckless champion off their necks and back into the ring. There are several ways of entering journalism, but this turbulent advent was not to be borne without protest.

Do not tell me that reporters are supposed to help boxers back into the ring. If you have ever had a heavyweight throw in your lap, as I have, you will find it difficult to bother about rules.

Nobody knows how far that timekeeper had progressed with his count in those hysterical seconds. Eventually, a shaken, glassy-eyed and blood-spattered Dempsey was restored

to his rightful side of the ropes there to recover some kind of wobbly perpendicular against further onslaughts.

And Firpo? Poor, muddled-headed Firpo, with the championship of the world within inches of his fists, muffed the greatest opportunity of a lifetime. One more well-aimed punch must inevitably have crumpled Dempsey into ignominious defeat—but that punch never came.

Firpo, shocked into immobility by the enormity of his Dempsey-removing offence, allowed his man to stall and stab his way into some semblance of recovery and the end of the round.

THEORIES

All this in one three-minute round—and more to follow. But of round two, Firpo, still throwing brilliant punches at the remorseless Dempsey, was knocked out by a perfect short right to the jaw, delivered with crushing force and no back-swing. One of the most blistering fights in heavyweight history was over.

Should Firpo have been given the verdict when he knocked Dempsey out of the ring? Should not his seconds have claimed an immediate decision, and the title?

Everybody in boxing has his theory. Mine is that the Wild Bull of the Pampas, for all his slow thinking and lost opportunities, was the rival who really tossed Jack Dempsey off the golden pedestal of the championship of the world.

NEXT SATURDAY
Every fight was a joy to Jack McAvoy—until he met Freddie Mills.

POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



"—and may I remind you, Sergeant-major, that no one below the substantive rank of captain is permitted by regulation to form a Government without previous notification to the Adjutant."

HOW TO MAKE COMMUNISTS (BELIEVE IT OR NOT!)

P.U.P. TELLS ITS £5m. WHOPPER

By Noel Barber

ONE of the basic techniques in the art of modelling Communists out of illiterate clay is to tell the whoppiest fib you can think, work it round the dumbest person you can find, transform him into a sorrowful martyr, and then proudly present him to his equally dumb pals (all voters).

I have seen it done hundreds of times from Manchuria to Mexico, but I have never heard such a whopper so beautifully told as the one they're telling here now—and thousands who will vote in the first general election on April 23 are believing it.

They've done it here with the little story that I am about to unfold—the sad story of the poor untutored native boy cheated out of £5,000,000 by the avaricious white man; and don't laugh at it too much, for this story is implicitly believed by many who, I do not doubt, will shortly vote for the People's United Party, the firebrands whose avowed intention is to kick Britain out.

A lot of money
NOW £5,000,000 is a lot of money (even to a Communist, who could get it from Guatemala), and, of course, Johnny Blades didn't know he had that much when he picked it up.

Johnny is not very bright, but, according to the P.U.P., he was bright enough to know something was queer about the stone he picked up near some Maya ruins because it rattled, and stones as a rule just don't rattle. He shook it to make sure. It rattled again.

He was puzzling this out slowly and very unsurely when up sauntered a despicable Englishman, for all the world like the villain in "The Silver King," and, vainly trying to conceal his eagerness, and with a beguiling attempt at offhand banter, laughingly offered Johnny \$200 for this silly old bit of a souvenir.

Johnny, however, was not a member of the P.U.P. for nothing, and cunningly shook

his head. At this the Englishman, with a jocular "Of course, it's not worth anything really, my good man, but I happen to be fond of curios," upped the price to \$500.

Still no go. "A thousand then," snarled the Briton losing his composure. "My last word."

Johnny shook his head and the stone obdurately. "If it's worth a thousand to you," he said, with native sagacity, "it's worth more to me."

Great roar

FOILED, the white man turned on his heel with silted and muttered curses and Johnny, plus stone, went home. The savage narration diet that is the lot of all poor coloured men until the P.U.P. gets into power. But you know, when you have a stone that rattles and when it is worth a thousand dollars to a white man, it's more than tantalising not to know what makes it, so to speak, tick.

For a few days Johnny held out against temptation, but finally he just had to discover the secret of the stone. So one morning he smashed it open. At that split second there was a great roar as of thunder and a blinding white flash.

Struck with terror, Johnny crouched for safety. As the rumble died away the white man came running towards him, his monocle dangling, his face contorted with evil fury. "You fool," he screamed, "you mad, empty-headed fool. Don't you know that stone contained atomic energy worth £5,000,000?"

Again I say: Please don't laugh. This story is a perfect example of the way the P.U.P. hits at the lowest educational level in this country of swamp and jungle.

Hundreds up and down this Colony believe that poor Johnny was the one man in a million who had by chance stumbled on a fortune, but who was robbed of his rightful riches by the greed of the white man.

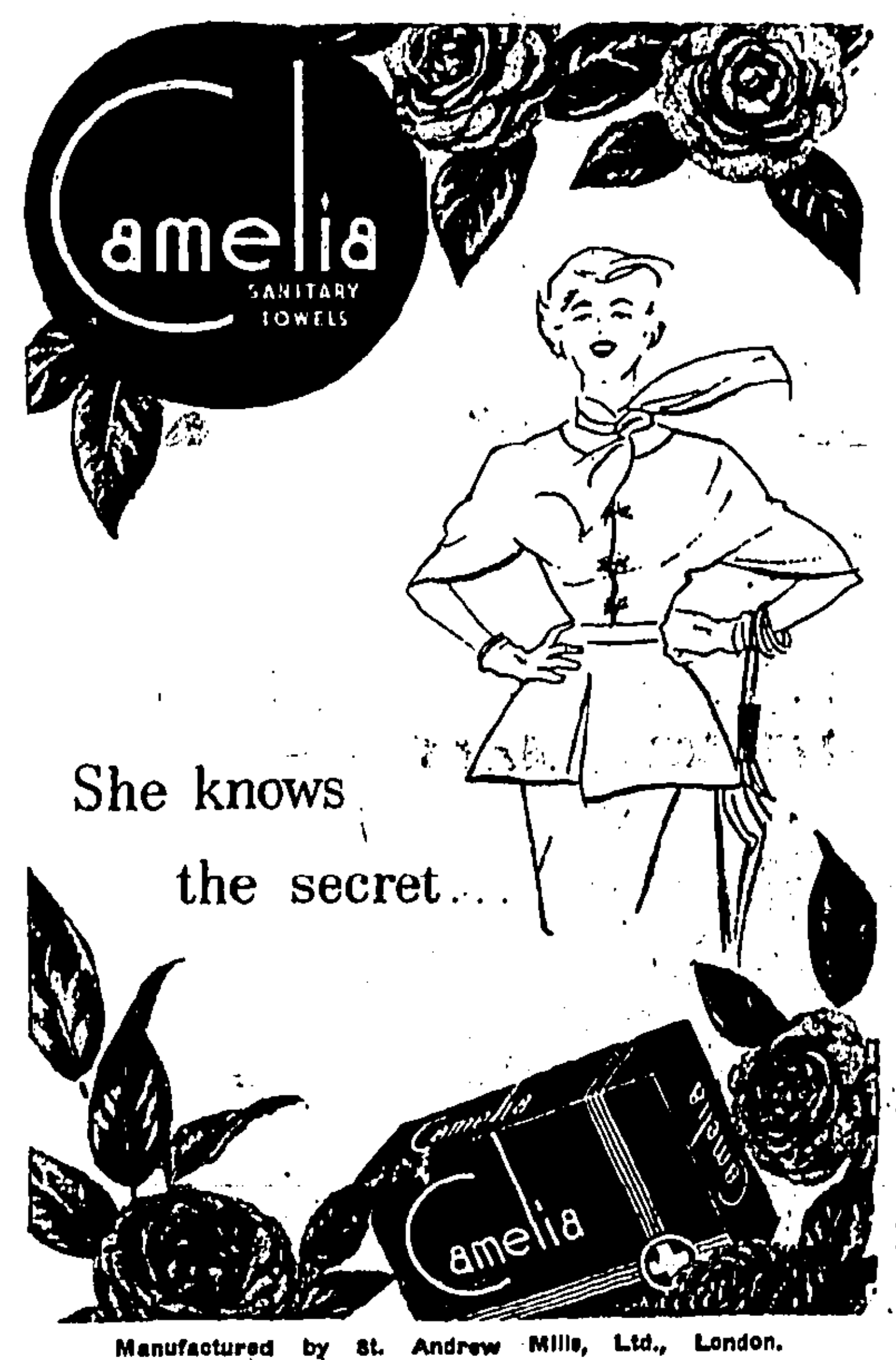
Went down well

THE story was first told at a P.U.P. meeting by one of their chiefs, Antonio Sobcranis, last October. It went down so well with the audience of 400 that it became a top priority job to circulate it round the Colony's most backward spots as electioneering material.

The P.U.P. doubtless doesn't believe the story, but it doesn't have to. All it needs to remember is that even if you can't fool all the people all of the time you can win the election if you fool 51 percent for a couple of months.



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THE AMERICAN SCENE

TWO-GUN KID SHOWS HOW

From Newell Rogers

NEW YORK. MOST discussed book in the U.S. this month will not be on Senator McCarthy or the H-bomb. It will be an attack on sex and crime in children's comic books.

Dr. Frederick Wertham, consulting psychiatrist of the New York Department of Hospitals, is the author.

He says nine out of 10 comic books give details on how to commit crimes, conceal evidence, evade detection, and hurt people. He says they are primers on crime.

As if to prove him right, 13-year-old Stewart Wright admitted in Westville, Nova Scotia, that he shot his 14-year-old chum Roland Muir to death after they read comic books about Two-Gun Kid.

Just in fun they pointed rifles at each other and Stewart pulled his trigger.

Title of Wertham's book, "Seduction of the Innocent."

A FILLY only 24 inches tall and weighing only 15lb. has been born at Oceanport, New Jersey. She is being bottle-fed.

The dilly is believed to be the smallest racehorse ever to live more than a few hours.

The mother's name is Malze. The father is Double Brandy. I suggest Tiny To do the ideal name for the newborn.

MISS DELPHINE BINGER, of New York, owns 500,000 chickens and turkey wabblers.

She gets them from poultry men and the kitchen of the Waldorf Astoria hotel. Then she ties them up in pretty boxes and sends them to people for good luck.

IN Baton Rouge, Louisiana, police put two burglary suspects before TV cameras. Several viewers phoned saying they saw the men near the robbery. Police say the men then confessed.

YORKSHIRE BORN Mary Williamson Macfadden today won a \$15,000 court decision against her former husband. She and "physical" culturist Bennett Macfadden were

divorced in 1934. He settled a \$15,000 annual income on her. One of the conditions of the settlement was that she was never to ridicule him.

Last year she wrote her life story and told how he proposed on a 20-mile hike in England (he was then 45 and she 19). When she said Yes he stood on his head for 64 seconds.

In court, Macfadden alleged that this violated the no-ridicule clause.

But Judge Ernest Hammer ruled: "Whatever the attitude of the ancients, wives now enjoy freedom of speech and action on a par with husbands."

IN Newark, New Jersey, a cinema manager desperate for patrons, had to pay a repair bill for broken doors after he advertised a free night. Seven hundred people tried to get into his 400-seat house, TV or no TV.

SHOPPING NOTE: On Fifth Avenue, the smartest raincoats on sale are called London Fog.

AIRCRAFT designs are changing so fast that in six months the U.S.A.F. had to cancel contracts totalling \$93 million dollars (\$211 million) and write new orders for 7,000,000 dollars (\$2,500,000) more than that figure.

WHENEVER Jerome Savanick abused his wife Rose she broke out in a rash and her face swelled, she told the Los Angeles divorce court.

Divorce granted.

JACK LAIT, American journalist and co-author of a series of books which started libel actions involving millions of dollars, has died in Beverly Hills, California, aged 71.

He was editor of the New York Daily Mirror. His collaborator was Mirror columnist Lee Mortimer.

In their books they claimed to give inside information on the life of some of America's titles.



FRONT LINE DOCTOR

Beginning today—THE CHINA MAIL presents THE GREAT UNTOLD STORY OF THE WAR

This is the story—pieced together for the first time from authoritative documents—of how the great advances in medicine were made under the urgent thrust of war. "Front Line Doctor" is based on the official papers edited by Sir Zachary Cope, the distinguished surgeon. The author also acknowledges the help given by others of high eminence in medicine in bringing to the nation's attention this inspiring record. It is one of achievement in war that now touches our lives in peace.

MAJOR IAN AIRD—now Professor of Surgery at London University and the man who did the famous operation this year on the Blomese twins—was smoking a cigarette outside his tent.

The night before he had operated 22 times in his canvas lean-to attached to a three-ton lorry.

It was a cool November afternoon in 1941, and just beginning to get dark in the Western Desert near Gasr el Abd. A column of tanks began clanking towards the tents of the Indian field ambulance to which Aird was attached.

He watched them idly. An R.A.F. plane flew overhead. Then, with the suddenness with which such things happen in war, the tanks opened fire on the plane and shot it down.

They were only 50 yards away, and Aird could see the white German crosses on their sides.

Bullets began to wisp through the air and make scuffs in the sand.

He and his team dived into a slit trench.

Nazi troops

THE squat, misshapen grey tanks circled round firing on them. Then a group of tough, dusty Nazi troops with sub-machine guns came up and motioned them to come out of the trench.

With hands up for surrender, they then explained that this was a medical unit. The German commander gave an order and the tanks ground on. But they left 50 Italians, who were following in lorries, to guard them.

While the German tanks clattered round in the desert outside, Aird stayed in the ward tent all that night.

By JOHN DEANE POTTER



PROF. AIRD

Curious encounter in the desert.

He was helped by his orderlies and Father Flynn, a Roman Catholic padre, who had been a Trappist monk before he joined the Army. By virtue of his vows, the former monk had hardly spoken for years, but, once in the Army, he never stopped talking. That night his chatter cheered up the wounded.

Next morning they listened to the radio in the ward. The B.B.C. said that Rommel had only 40 tanks left. Aird and Father Flynn looked out of the tent door. There they saw more than 80 Nazi tanks rolling past to give battle to the British.

At the close of this encounter a group of high-ranking German staff officers then arrived in Aird's tent. With them, on a stretcher, was a badly wounded officer.

They said he was Colonel von Stephan, commander of a crack German panzer regiment, who had been hit in the chest by a British shell.

With the wounded colonel was an officer wearing sun goggles and a high crowned cap. It was some time before the British doctors recognised him. It was General Rommel.

A German doctor said to Aird: "We would like you to dress this man's wound. We are taking him back with us." Aird replied: "All right; we will transfuse him first."

Aird's orderlies, whistling loudly to show their disregard for the German officers, opened the lid of a rope-handled, unpainted wooden box rather like a beer crate.

The Germans watched curiously. They saw carefully packed rows of bottles and tin boxes.

An orderly poured colourless liquid from one bottle into another containing what seemed a cream-coloured powder.

The Germans showed intense interest. Aird explained that the powder was dried blood plasma; the liquid was glucose saline.

Far ahead

FIVE minutes later this extraordinary audience gazed fascinated as the milky fluid from the bottle attached to the tent pole was dripping through a rubber tube into their colonel's arm.

A German doctor had a rapid conversation with Rommel. Then he said to Aird: "Your methods are impressive. We would like you to look after the colonel."

Now I suggest this is a moment worth lingering over. Why did the German M.O. make this request?

Because for the first time, in this curious encounter with a British surgeon in the middle of the desert in the middle of the war, they realised how far ahead Britain was in medical research. The Germans had no dried plasma for treating their wounded.

Rommel and his officers, talking earnestly about what they had seen, climbed into their tanks and armoured cars and drove off.



Drawing by ROBB

The incredible operation!
Prof. Aird (of 'Boko' fame)
operates behind enemy
lines as an astonished
Rommel looks on...

After the operation, Aird had lunch with three Italian officers in charge of his guard. And then suddenly British armoured cars began passing the tent. The Italians jumped into their staff car and fled at once, leaving the medical unit without a guard.

Aird and his unit could have escaped. But somehow it did not occur to them to leave. Only 48 hours had passed since 11 abdominal operations had been performed. Cases like this should not be moved until the tenth day, although every day after the third makes it safer.

So they decided to stay where they were, with the German tanks on one side and the British 25-pounders on the other.

Fantastic

NEXT morning some more British armoured cars came forward. They told Aird to put his wounded into ambulances and try to drive them to the British front line six miles behind them.

As the convoy of dusty vehicles began slowly to move away, German tanks came grinding towards them. They added to a stop, their wide tracks churning up small fountains of sand.

The German tank crews watched the ambulances through the long slits in their armour. Their guns pointed at them, but they did not fire. They let the British doctors and their wounded escape.

Thus ended 36 fantastic hours spent unharmed between the German and British armies.

I tell this incident in considerable detail. Why? Because I believe its significance cannot be over-stressed.

This moment in the desert with a then unknown British surgeon casually producing the blood plasma to the astonishment of his German opposite number—the whole scene sums up Allied medical superiority over the enemy. It was ahead almost from the outset and as the war developed the lead grew greater.

Our scientists and men of medicine made such seven-league strides during the war that modern practice has been completely revolutionised.

BRITISH DOCTORS were prompt to realise that blood transfusion would save the life of a person suffering from shock.

So they organised a blood transfusion service which was the best in the world.

They invented a process for making dry plasma which could be kept for years.

This plasma was parachuted to men fighting in the jungles or ferried to the most bitterly contested beach-head.

BRITISH ANAESTHETISTS led the way to new hairbreadth techniques. The anaesthetic most widely used by them was the truth drug—Pentothal. It was carried in a phial and injected into the vein. The Germans did not have it. (And, incidentally, for years the Americans were reluctant to use it.)

BRITISH BIOCHEMISTS perfected penicillin—the chemical that murders microbes—which was discovered by a Scotsman. Its manufacture on a production-line basis in the United States was a tremendous triumph for inter-allied organisation and co-operation between scientists and American big business. Again the Germans did not have it. Its secret was as closely guarded as the atom bomb.

BRITISH CHEMICAL MANUFACTURERS made millions after millions of penicillin tablets. This meant that British troops could fight in the most fever-haunted jungles without risk of catching the shivering, debilitating, deadly malaria.

BRITISH PHARMACOLOGISTS realised the importance of a drug called sulphaguanidine as an antidote for bacillary dysentery, plague of Servicemen in the Middle East.

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Long, jolting desert drives were often agony to a soldier with a broken leg in a splint. The pressure from plaster of paris used the old-fashioned way caused deep penetrating sores. The battle surgeons worried about this as they operated in their last-hot tents, or under lorry headlamps.

Within five months of the first Weill offensive they had invented the Tobruk splint. This is a hairpin-shaped iron bar longer than a man's leg—whose two ends fit into a padded ring. The broken leg was passed through the ring and an adhesive bandage wrapped round it. From that bandage an attachment went to the end of the splint which enabled the surgeon to keep the broken ends of the bone pulled apart. The whole limb was padded with cotton wool and firmly encased in plaster of paris.

In such a Tobruk splint, a wounded man could much more comfortably face a swaying Army truck, a plane bumping over the desert air pockets, or a rolling destroyer carrying him from Tobruk to hospital in Alexandria.

Top gear

WHILE the surgeons in the desert improvised, back in Cairo the medical services were shifting into top gear.

Major-General Jock Monro, Consulting Surgeon to the Army, arrived in the Middle East in October 1940. He and his colleagues immediately began experimenting with the organisation of surgical teams just behind the front lines.

His view was that wounded soldiers needed surgery at the earliest possible moment.

And his Middle East mobile surgical units, which began to go out into the desert battles, became the blue-print for the whole Army.

He and his officers also formed blood transfusion units, which became standard for battles from Alamein to the Rhine.

They organised the surgical teams in such a way that surgeons had eight hours on duty, and eight hours off. This was imperative. It meant that tired hands did not falter and imperil a man's life.

This organisation was soon appreciated by serving men. They knew if they were wounded they would have the best medical attention almost immediately.

It was this that made one soldier on a stretcher say to a pal of his going forward with his battalion: "Don't worry mate. 'Ard 'Arley Street is just in front of us."

When he and his team were ordered to move into a desert hospital they were told it was just another exercise.

But they were told to treat it as if it were a real battle. The date was December 1940.

When the ambulances drew up, they were full of wounded men. The first Weill push against the Axis forces in North Africa had begun.

As the Army began to crush forward across the desert, the surgical teams followed. Often they used captured Italian tents and surgical equipment. They discovered the Italians had the finest quality tents, with double walls to keep out the sand, dust and flies. The tents had also wooden floors.

And they also had fleas. The British surgical team scrubbed the tents with everything they had, but the fleas persisted.

Major Stephen methodically recorded in his diary that during one day he had killed 881 fleas on his own body.

THE plague of fleas may not seem important until you realise that a man with a broken limb who gets a flea trapped in his plaster suffers exquisite and wounding torture. So the surgeons there and then devised a makeshift but most effective therapy—pouring chloroform between the leg and the plaster to kill the fleas.

Next morning Stephen was awakened by an Italian priest who acted as interpreter. The priest told him that as soon as the British officers left, the Italians abandoned their wounded and went to bed. The priest sat up all night giving them water, trying to nurse them.

Major Stephen ate his breakfast with grim Scottish deliberation. Then he went to see the senior Italian officer. He took out his revolver and loaded it slowly in front of him. Then he fired it just above his head, heavily parting his hair with it.

"If anything like this happens again," he said, waving the smoking revolver in the standard Italian's face, "the next shot will be several inches lower."

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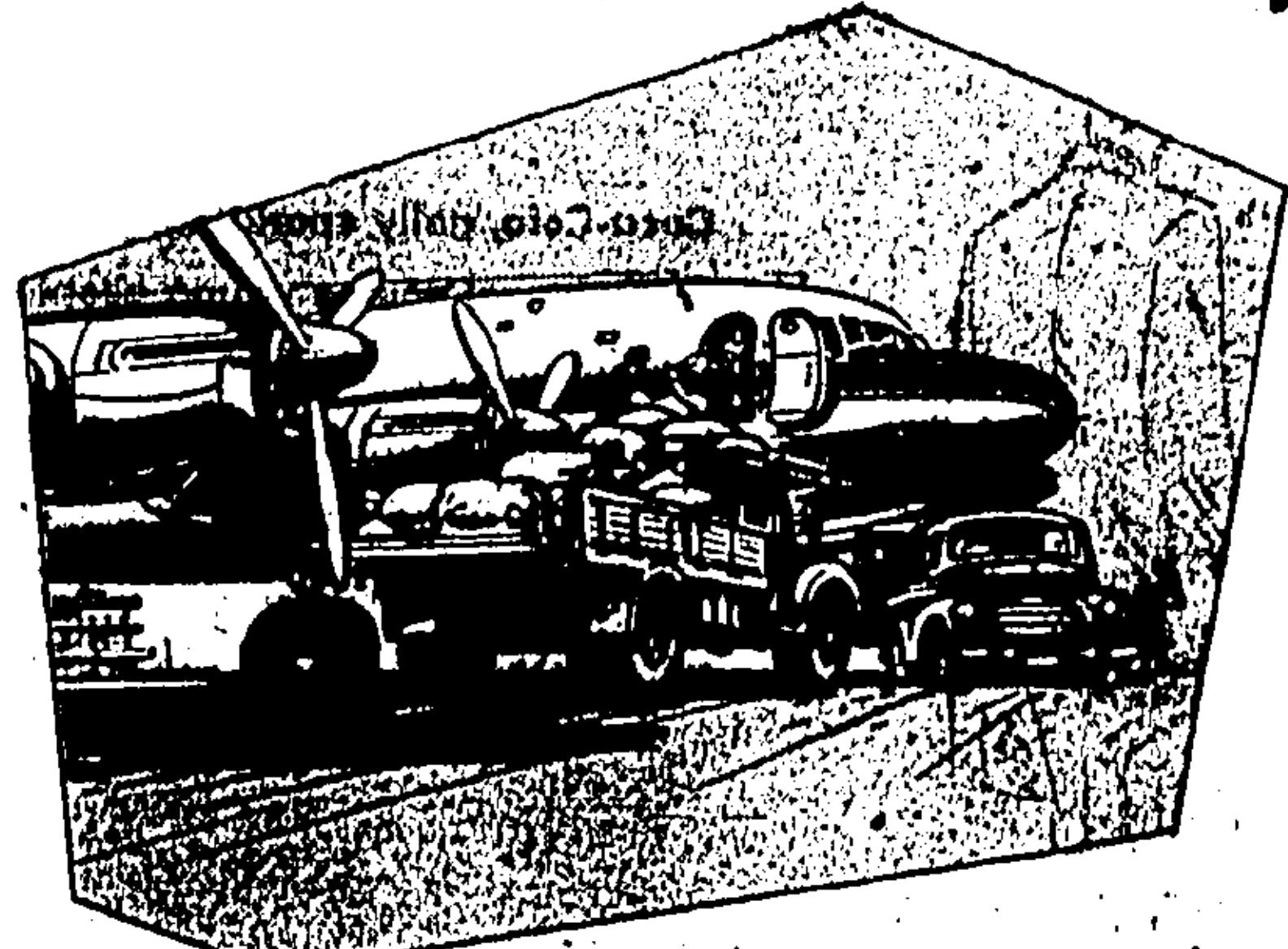
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By LES ARMOUR

LONDON. House of Commons "accommodation" reveals that no lady is permitted to clean above shoulder-height. Neither is she permitted to dust the tops of opaque lampshades.

These operations require the assistance of the Ministry of Works—the assistance of two Ministry of Works men to be exact. One, we are assured, does the cleaning while the other holds the ladder.

It also means lady-like oaths muttered under the breath and husbands aroused from their noggins of ale to face the grim business of turning all the chairs upside down.

It may be, however, that Lady Violet is too fustian for the wall-tossing of her sex.

Down in Whitehall, for instance, it seems that the lady cleaners have matters very much under control.

No rending, no climbing ladders, and no juggling with long poles down there.

An intriguing piece of cross-examination from the report on.

Nevertheless, it would appear that the rules are strictly a matter of tradition. The Ministry of Works official directive says that cleaners must do everything up to a height of 12 feet (lampshades and all) except in the Palace of Westminster where the shoulder-line is official.

Since it is doubtful that any of the ladies measures 12 feet to the shoulder, it may be assumed that the Ministry, officially at any rate, frowns on the traditional practice outside the Palace.

All this, of course, is important lest the House of Commons code should be adopted as a sort of global housewife's charter.

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JOHNNY HAZARD



WEEK-END WOMANSENSE

The New Swimsuits Do Something For You!

By ANNE SCOTT-JAMES

Cannes. I've been watching the first brave bathers in the South of France, where the water is so blue the locals kid themselves it must also be warm. It isn't. I decided that the toughest of all fashion problems is how to look chic in next to nothing.

Most women look good in (a) plenty of clothes, or (b) none at all. But the scrap of cotton you wear on the beach, the piece of shaped satin you wear in the water, have a knack of showing up every bad bit of your body and killing every good one.

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The classic, close-fitting swimsuit—what does it do for you? Nothing except ruin your leg-line and give you a bulging back view. The two-piece suit goes one worse, and creates a bulge where there is none by nature.

Luckily, blissfully, there are new sorts of suits on the way. There are lots in America. I saw some in Italy. I saw one near Cannes on a wildly pretty French girl of about 18. And the first pioneers are turning up in the English shops.

The new suits... the suits that do things for you come in at least four shapes. All have twice as much design and construction as any we've seen before.

THE SARONG SUIT is in them, because it beats the drying problem. Water runs off it like a teacup. I've seen these in Italy and I've seen them in a couple of London shops. Comment: the brief, pleated skirt is flattering to legs.

THE TUNIC SUIT. These are cut like play-suits, but in sea-going fabrics, e.g., seersucker, nylon and other materials that won't cling or flop when wet.

THE KILT SUIT. in elastic satin or nylon. Nylon is a good bet for these suits—with a lot of stuff—

Comment: perfect for older women.

THE SWEATER SUIT— and this was the type I saw a few days ago as I sat idly throwing pebbles into the deep-blue sea. Conscientious, I telephoned Demachy, and he has sketched it for you here.

It is knitted (reminds me of the wool "costumes" of my childhood), but in a strong, firm, unstretchable

stitch. It is very covered-up for a swimsuit, has a wide webbing belt—the school-boy look again that I saw so much of in Italy. Comment: it takes quite a lot of wearing. Could be chic, could be dowdy. It depends on you.

Well, that's them, and they're new. They're still scarce, and still expensive—but, mark my words, they're on the way in.



WHY NOT LEAN ON A LEMON?

CUCUMBERS and lemons are the homely aids to glamour. The cucumber idea comes from Viscountess Tarbat, a glamorous friend of mine who, at 40, has the most beautiful neck and shoulders.

It was when I was admiring their lovely texture that she passed on to me the secret of her simple beauty treatment.

After her cook has added cucumber to the salad, Lady Tarbat collects the peel, for use when her

course, cream after a bath is helpful, but if you find the skin is getting red or discoloured try this.

Cut a lemon in half. Squeeze most of the juice out of it (you can use it as a hair rinse if you don't want to make lemonade). Snip the ends off each half, so that they stand up (don't go through to the fruit, though) and put them on two saucers.

Grease your elbows with olive oil and sit at a table with your elbows on it, and in the half lemons! You can clasp your head in your hands or, if you don't like wasting time, read a book.

FIGURE FORMING

Quite a number of people have written to me about figure trouble. Mostly they complain either about being flat-chested or about a bulging hip-line. And they usually say they don't want to do exercises.

Well, I'm afraid exercise is the safest and surest method of bringing out the Jane Russell in you.

But here is a quick and easy exercise which shouldn't dismay anyone. Clasp each arm firmly just beneath the elbow, hold them out in front of you, and push your hands towards your elbows and bring them back in a brisk one-two movement.

This should be repeated regularly six times. The aim is obvious, the result worth while! Try and see.

Women with an aversion to exercises will find a couple of old-fashioned wood-backed hairbrushes a great help in fighting a bulging hip-line.

With one brush in each hand, stand bare from the waist down and give yourself a nursery punishment, beating the offending portion of your anatomy with the wood side.

Make it rhythmic—first one brush, then the other. Painful? Well, you can't have everything! And you did say you didn't like exercises.

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by Lady Boyle

guests have left. She rubs it all over her neck and shoulders.

VITAMINS GO DEEP

The effect is cool and refreshing, and the vitamins of the vegetable go deep into her skin. She tells me the best time to do this is after a bath, when all the pores are well open.

Another area of the skin needing attention is at the elbows, where we all tend to have a rough spot. Of

shapes so that each bush becomes a solid ball of colour when the flowers are out.

There is a dome-shaped arbour entirely covered with pink climbing roses, already in bud. "I only like roses," the Aga Khan told me. "All this means nothing much to me" (waving at the banks of flowers that stretched below us). "But wait till the roses are out—every sort, every scent. Roses are the only flower."

Floral decorations

There is a cypress tree which seems to grow out of a small, round mat of flowers.

There is a blue-and-white Mogul garden which is the only entirely formal part of Yakimour. Fountains spray on to a rectangular bed of blue pansies.

There are almost as many flowers in the house as in the

garden. This woman who loves flowers arranges cut flowers in hundreds; and as she showed me round the house I saw how she used flowers in the decoration, from chintzes printed with roses climbing up a trellis to the wonderful flowers of the Persian carpets.

Exception—

The only flowers the Begum doesn't allow herself are on print dresses.

"I love beautiful prints more than any other fabric," she said, "but I'm too tall to wear them. There seems too much of me in a patterned dress."

[At this point, the Aga Khan insisted on our taking our shoes off and measuring back to back; I was an inch taller than she.]

"But small, flowered hats I love. I think large hats are finished, and I get so tired of trying to keep them on; at Ascot, for instance, they spoil half the pleasure."

Flowers on hats... flowers on screens, curtains, wallpaper... flowers in bowls, under tables, in urns, on lawns, in beds... Yakimour loves the Chelsea Flower Show cold.

(London Express Service)

...AND ABOVE ALL, THE BEGUM IS A GARDENER

OF course I had heard a lot about the Begum Aga Khan. I knew she was a beauty—tall and dark, with a lovely smile. I knew she was one of the best-dressed women in France. I knew she was a great traveller, globe-trotting patiently behind her indefatigable husband. I knew she had fine taste and a legendary villa on the pine-wooded hills above Cannes.

But nobody had told me the thing that matters most (especially in the spring): that she is a gardener above all gardeners. She and the Aga Khan live in a white, sun-baked house with flowers in it, on it, over it, and all around it.

So as this is April and the sun is shining, I'm going to tell you about the garden and the flowers.

The garden of Yokimour is quite small by English standards. It landscaped in climbing curves, terraces and flights of steps.

But this isn't the best way to the house. If you've got any muscles in your legs at all, you'll take the steep way up a stone staircase made to the Begum's own design, which is a masterpiece of landscape gardening.

The steps are flanked by clipped cypresses and planted so thickly with flowers that only a child could pick a way up without treading on them. Besides English rock gardens, taller plants shoot up from pockets of soil:



YAKIMOUR: Flowers banded against a white house.

English style

You get to the house by a spiral drive which runs between lawns and trees. Though the trees are all Mediterranean in character—oranges and lemons, mandarins and grapefruit, olives and cypresses—the Begum has planted them informally in lawns mown close in the English manner.

"I love the English style in both gardens and decoration," she told us. "The English prefer comfort and cosiness to grandeur, and how I agree with them."

The oranges and lemons were ripe when we were there, the huge fruit on the tidy trees looking suspiciously like stage props.

hyacinths and primulas, cyclamen, and cinerarias in intense colours.

I, who love English flowers, must sadly admit that our own flower shops and stalls look pallid and feeble to me at the moment. I just don't want our wash-out pink tulips and anæmone daffodils after the gorgeous colours of Italy and France.

New ideas

Besides this Prima Vera staircase, the garden is alive with ideas I have never met before.

There are clipped japonica trees, trimmed into dome

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THE Commander, British Forces, Lt.-Gen. Sir Torrence Airey, inspecting men of the 2nd Battalion, King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles, at a ceremonial parade at the unit's camp at San Wai, New Territories, last week. (Staff Photographer)



THE Hongkong Stage Club held a party for departing members at the Miramar Hotel last week. Standing is Mr. Donald Pengelly, one of those feted. In centre is the Club's Chairman, Mr. Reinaldo Oblitas. (Staff Photographer)



THE wife of an American airline pilot held captive in Red China passes through Hongkong on her way to Geneva to enlist help during the coming international conference to secure her husband's release. Mrs. Sue Buol interviewed by pressmen at Kai Tak. Her husband, Bob Buol, was Civil Air Transport's chief of flight operations. (CAT)



MR and Mrs. Matthew Fong and friends after their wedding last Saturday at the Hop Yai Church. The groom is a secretary of the YMCA, and the bride, formerly Miss Ma Yee-ling, secretary of the YWCA. (Mayfair)

BELOW: Mr. E. Thompson (right), Technical Manager of the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., receiving a gift at a farewell party given to him by his colleagues on the eve of his return to England. (Staff Photographer)



THE anti-tuberculosis exhibition at the Grantham Training College has attracted wide interest. Lady Grantham, who opened the exhibition, is being conducted round by Sister M. Gabriel. Others in picture are, from left, Prof. P. C. Hou, Dr. the Hon. K. C. Yeo and Mr. D. Benson, Vice-Chairman of the Hongkong Anti-Tuberculosis Association. (Staff Photographer)



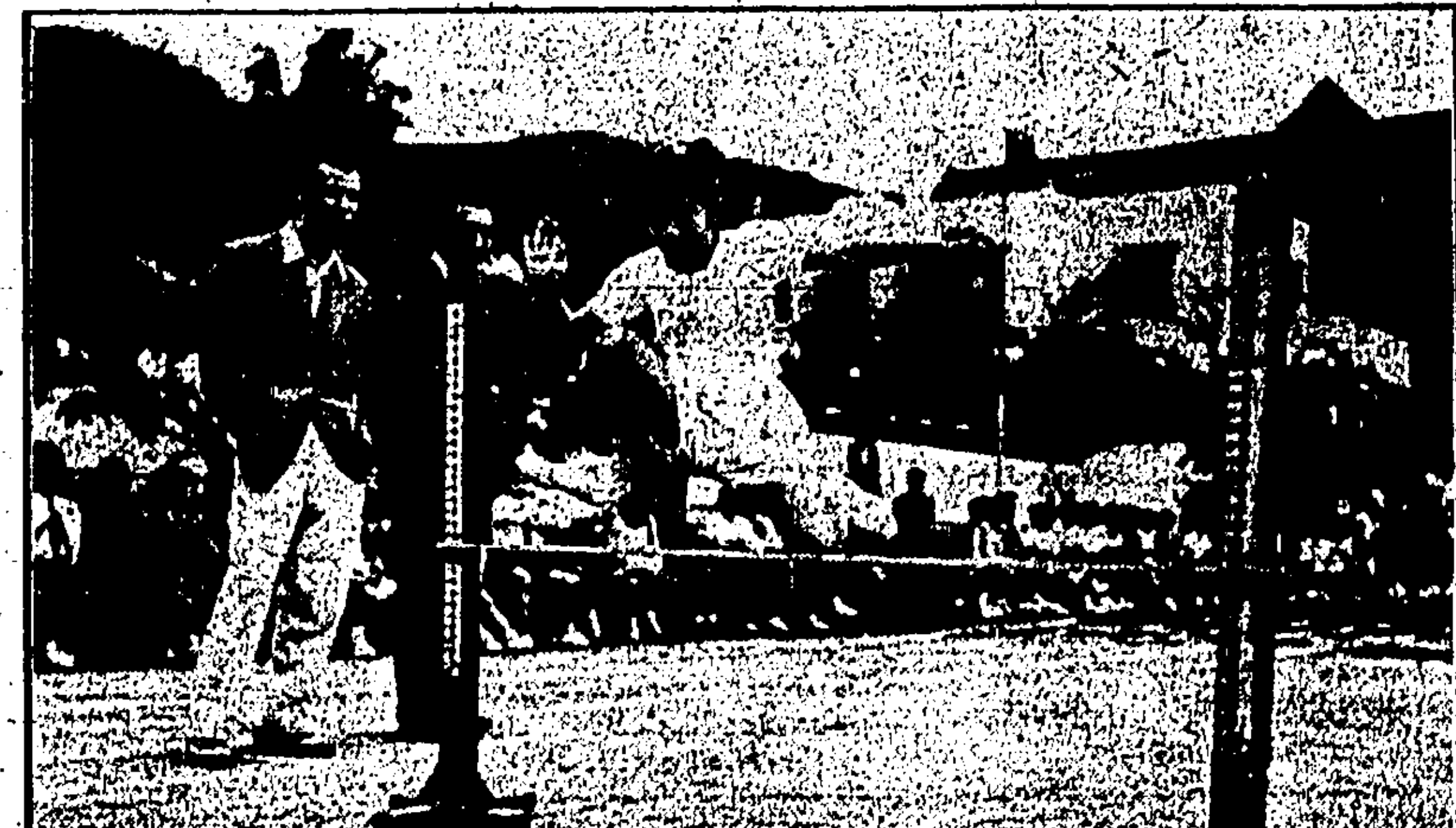
LITTLE Lisa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Li Fook-hing, seen with her mother at her first birthday party, held at No. 8 Kennedy Terrace. (Ming Yuen)



RIGHT: Picture taken after the christening at St John's Cathedral of Michael David, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Southey. (Ming Yuen)



LITTLE Miss Chen Lee-chun shows her high jump form at the annual sports of the Diocesan Preparatory School last Saturday. (Staff Photographer)



THE Royal Hongkong Defence Force beat the Combined Services by 10 wickets in a friendly cricket match at Chester Road last Sunday. The two teams before the match. (Staff Photographer)

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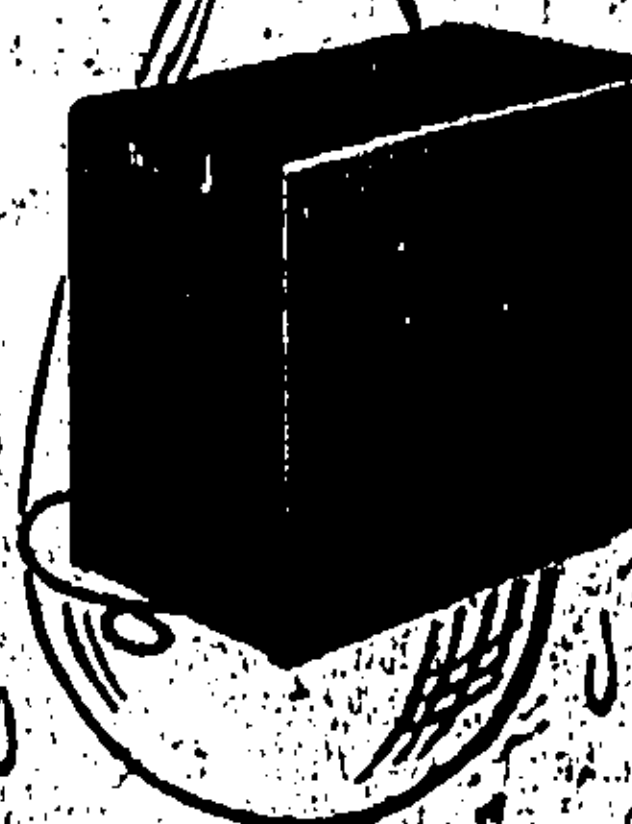
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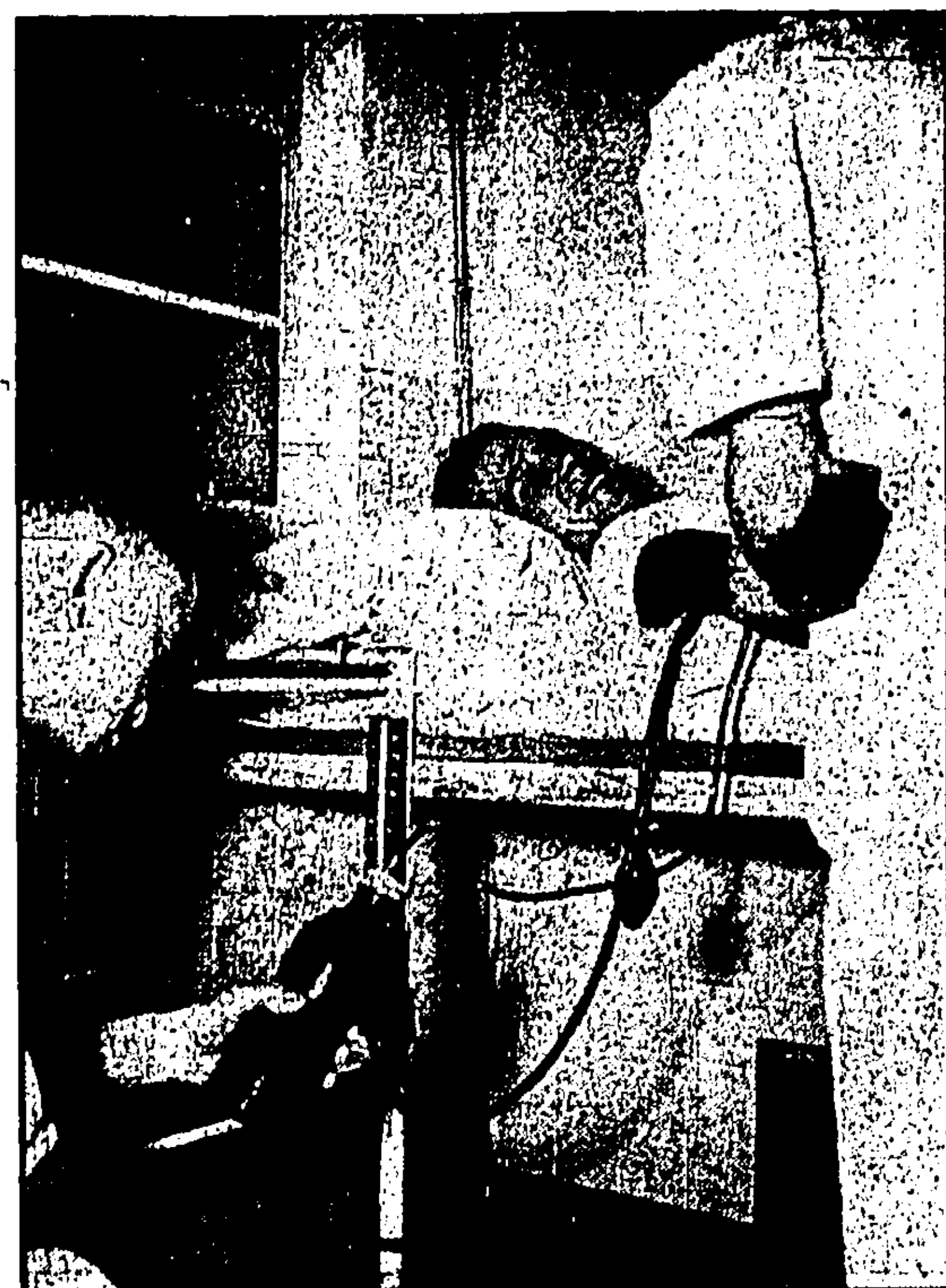
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AT St Andrew's Church last Sunday, the Bishop of Hongkong, the Rt Rev. Ronald Hall, officiated at a Confirmation service at which 47 candidates were presented. This group picture was taken after the service. (Staff Photographer)



DR C. T. Wang, veteran Rotarian, addressing a meeting of the newly-formed Hongkong Island East Rotary Club at Winner House on Wednesday. The President of the new Club, Mr John Yuen, is in the centre. (Staff Photographer)



FORTY-SIX members of the ship's company of HMS Newcastle donated blood to the local blood bank on Wednesday. This picture taken at the Queen Mary Hospital shows EM. W. Doyle giving his blood. (Staff Photographer)

RIGHT: Indonesian Vice-Consul and Mrs Kris Noermattias (on left), who are shortly leaving Hongkong, pictured with the Indonesian Consul-General and Mrs Tarbidin Suriawinata at a farewell party given at the Repulse Bay Lido. (Staff Photographer)



KOWLOON Chinese, winners of the Memorial Cup. They defeated Hongkong Chinese six goals to three at the Hongkong Football Club stadium. (Staff Photographer)



ONE of a party of Sea Rangers examines the sight by which a Bofors gun is aimed during a tour of HMS Newcastle last week. The cruiser is shortly leaving for England.



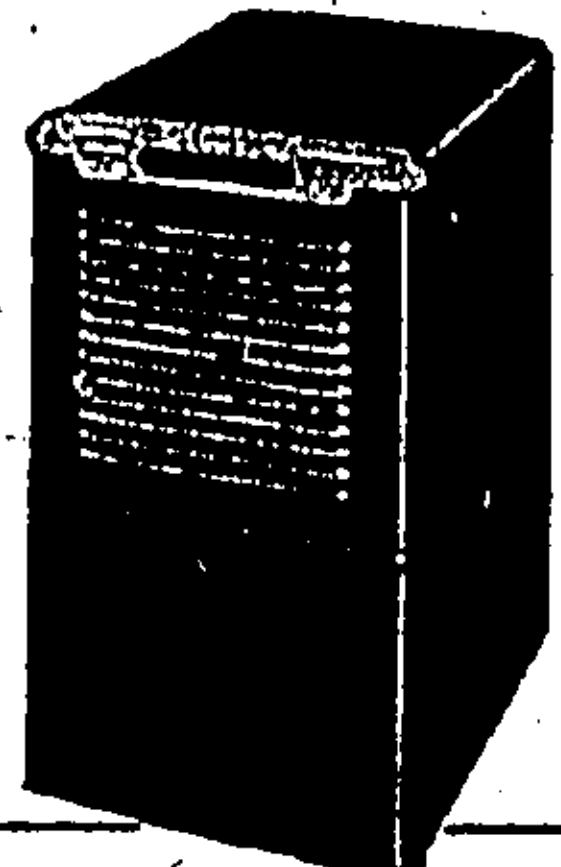
TEAMS representing present and past students of the Ying Wah Girls' School who played a friendly basketball game recently. The former won by 40-30 points. (C. K. Pang)

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This advertisement, the first of the new series, features the "Trial of Destruction." Six Tudor Oyster Princes were worn, one after the other, by a workman who spent a total of 30 hours operating a pneumatic drill. As the chisel of the drill bit tore through, each watch suffered over 1,000,000 tremendous shocks. Yet the Tudor watches emerged unharmed and functioning perfectly!

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Expectant Mother's 'Morning Sickness'

By W. W. BAUER, M.D.

THE increasing safety of motherhood is accounted for in part by the better management of pregnancy through close medical supervision, beginning as early as pregnancy is known or suspected. This supervision makes possible the early detection of evidences of toxemia (poisoning) of the mother through kidney

variation with the physician. If vomiting is marked or if nausea and vomiting persist too long, or return after the usual early period for these symptoms has passed, communication with the physician should be prompt.

In these early stages there is the best chance of preventing the serious types of toxemia—convulsions, kidney disease and high blood pressure. A prompt visit to the doctor may disclose an increase in blood pressure and the elimination of albumen in the urine.

Early consultation

Other indications which should send the expectant mother to her physician promptly, even if it is not time for her regular routine appointment, are: headaches, dizziness, drowsiness, memory disturbances, breathlessness, rapid heart action or fever. Another warning may come through double vision, spots before the eyes and blurred vision. Nausea may be increased or prolonged, with vomiting, and in some instances pain in the pit of the stomach. The amount of urine may be decreased, or there may be no urine, or there may have a smoky appearance due to the presence of red blood pigment. It should be emphasized that these symptoms indicate an advance of the toxemic process, and are rare. They do not constitute any part of the experience of a normal pregnancy. If they appear, they should not be neglected.

It is now exceedingly uncommon for toxemia of pregnancy to advance to the later stage of convulsions and unconsciousness, where there is danger to the life of mother and child. Medical management is easiest, quickest and safest where the preliminary symptoms are heeded and the physician consulted promptly. Later, strict diet, sedative drugs, and possibly therapeutic interruption of pregnancy still saves many mothers, but loses many babies.

When the doctor says to the expectant mother, "watch your weight," he is thinking of future welfare and her post-pregnancy figure. But also in the back of his mind is the prevention of toxemia.

Household Hints

A pad or cushion placed under soft carpet or rug adds comfort. It gives a luxury touch by adding extra softness underfoot. Rug-cushioning gives greater insulation from floor drafts which is especially important if you have a small child playing in his pen or crawling about on the floor.

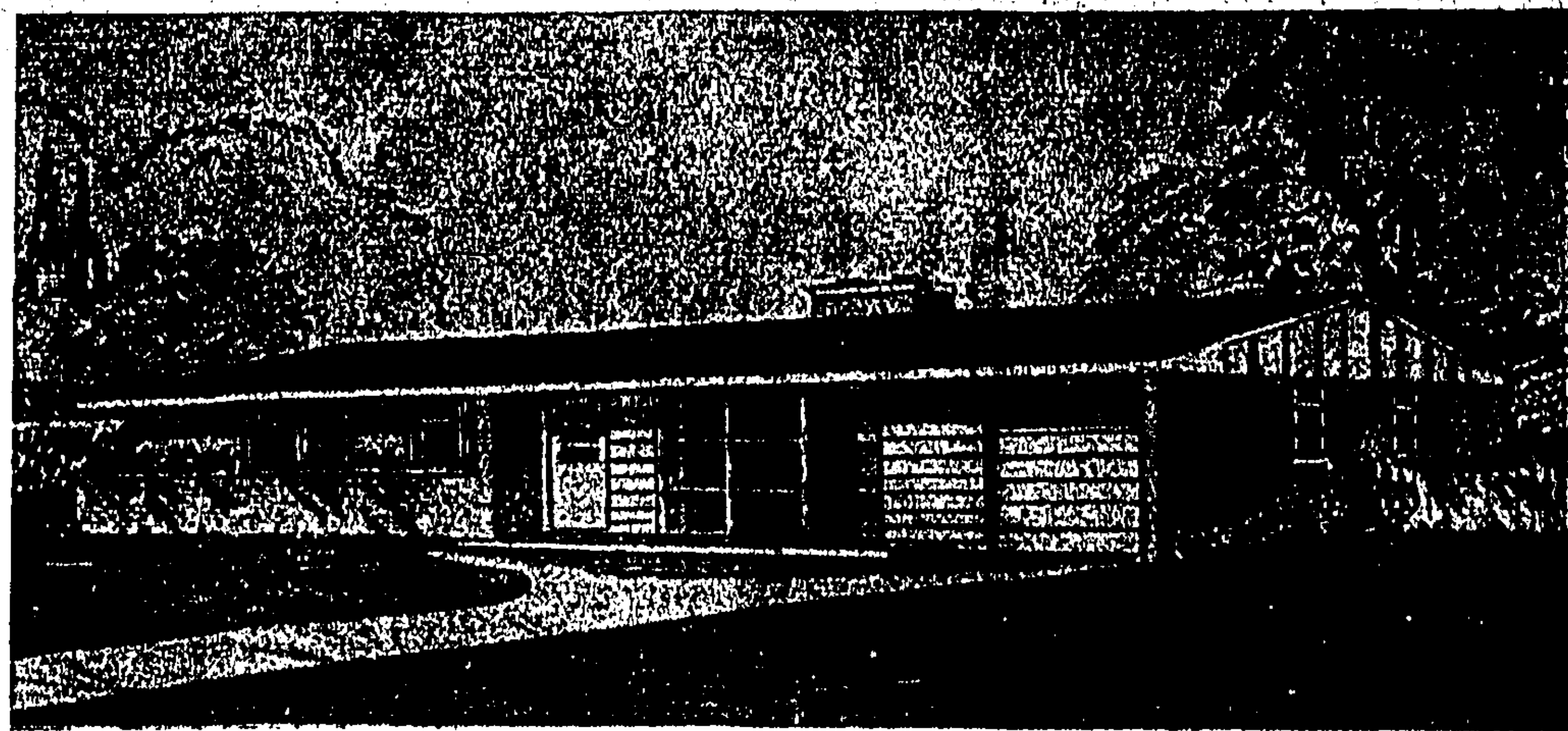
Since scarves and ribbons are small enough for fast washing, a slight running of colours need not prevent laundering. Wash each separately in lukewarm water and mild soap, rinse and dry quickly after blotting in a towel. Stripes and prints should be ironed on the wrong side, using a press cloth, immediately after washing.

Starched curtains usually stay clean longer. Unless cotton curtains have a permanent finish, they should be starched to restore their brand new crispness.

When you shop for an important petticoat to set off an important dress, be sure to select one that is washable. A petticoat that cannot be washed like other undergarments is a luxury few women can afford. Take time also to look for easily washed trims, such as permanently pleated ruffles, to save time when ironing. If you find a fabric that requires no ironing, it's that much better.

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By JOAN O'SULLIVAN

EVERYTHING in the house shown above, because the architect had storage specially in mind when drawing up the plans.

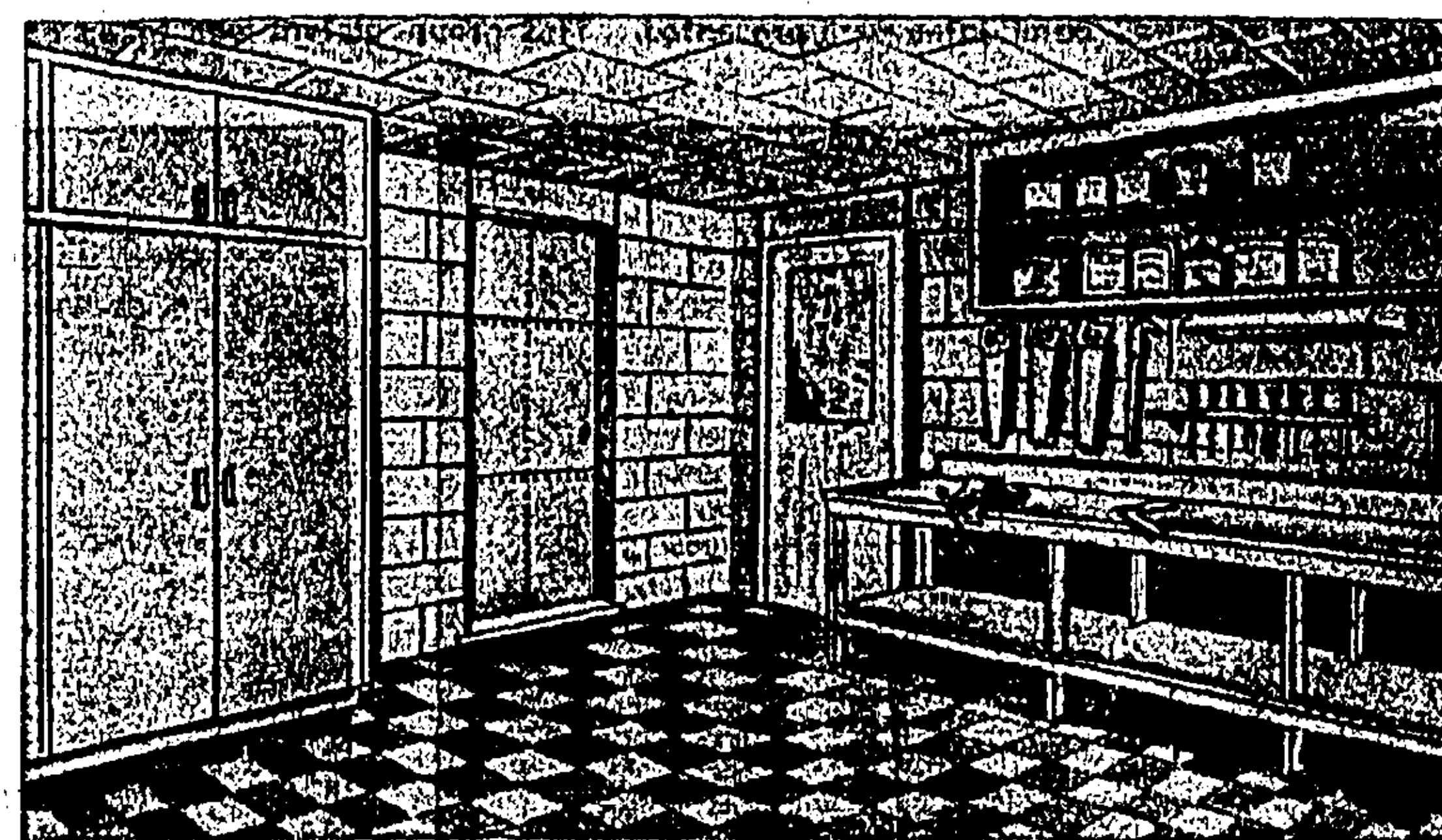
Bedrooms, bath, kitchen, laundry and entry—each is equipped to meet specialised storage needs. Even the garage has a storage wall, while an exterior unit back of it is designed for tools and gardening equipment.

Upon entering the house, Design H-277-KF, you find a convenient guest closet and are immediately in a living area featuring a top-to-bottom picture window and a large natural fireplace. One entire wall of unbroken space is allowed for a couch or grouping of other large furniture pieces.

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All the facilities indicated for kitchen and laundry, planned at the back of the house, are arranged to allow plenty of space in which to work and move about. Above the kitchen sink is a large window. Note also the ample cupboard and table space.

In addition to appliances, the laundry has a broom closet. Heating facilities are logically behind the fireplace wall in the laundry



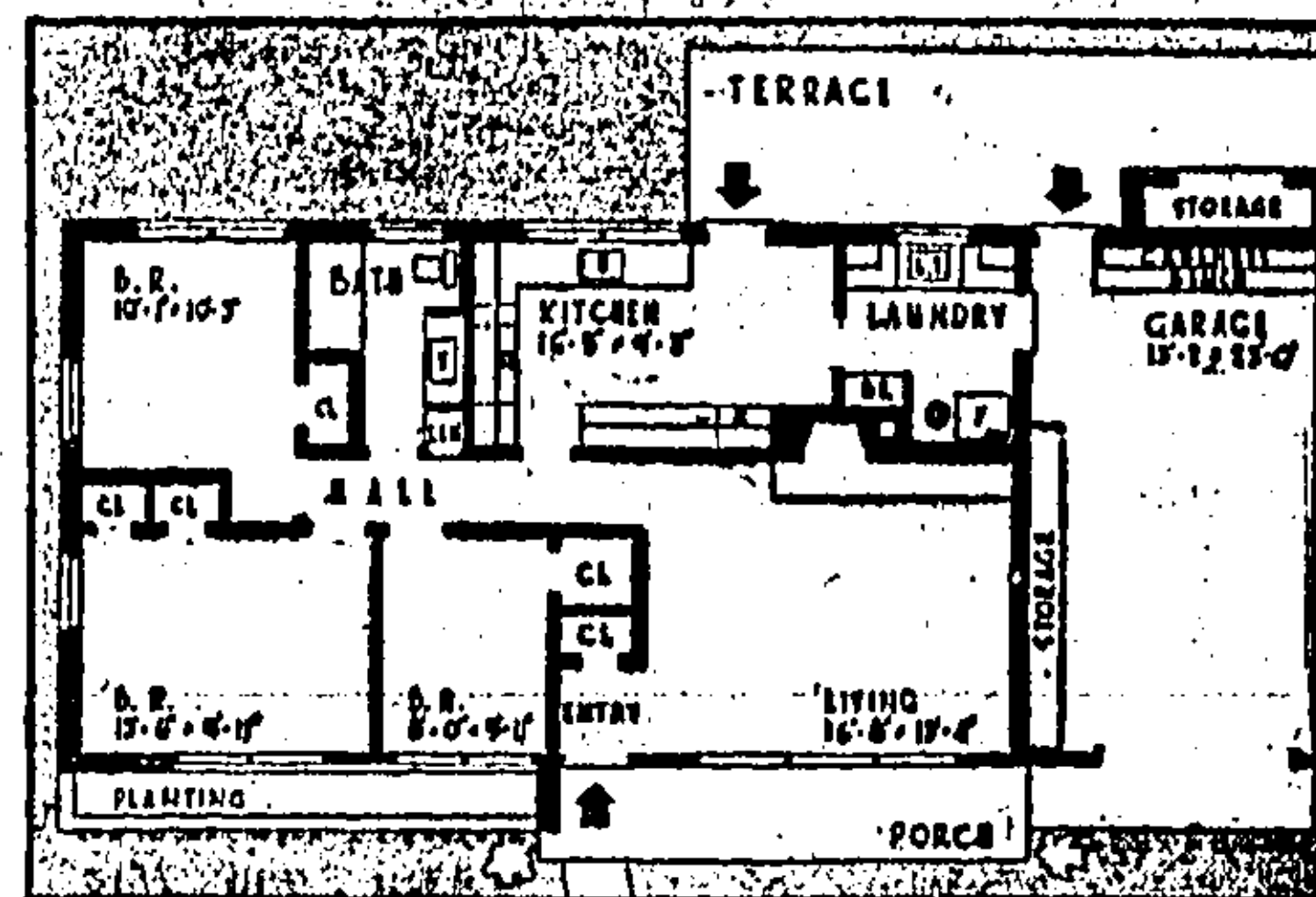
THE GARAGE is planned with added attractions including a work bench across the back wall and, above it, shelves and cabinets. One of the side walls is taken up by roomy storage closets and cabinets.

area. Here, too, is an entrance to the garage.

Good closet space and plenty of windows are found in the three bedrooms. A bath, easy to reach from sleeping and work areas, offers the extra luxury of a built-in vanity and a linen closet.

An outdoor terrace, accessible from the kitchen, runs across the rear of the house to the attached garage, perfect for summer lounging and entertaining at outdoor meals.

The house comprises 11,384 cubic feet.



THE FLOOR PLAN is especially well organised with living room at front, the kitchen and laundry at back and bedrooms off to one side.

THE PLASTIC FURNISHINGS CUT HOUSEWORK TO A MINIMUM

By ELEANOR ROSS

SURELY one of the best and most rewarding events that ever happened to a homemaker is the development and application of plastics—from the comb and brush set on the dresser to the draperies and upholstery fabrics in the living room.

NOT ALL ALIKE

With a house full of them, it's easy to keep plastics looking like new with a minimum of effort, just a little dusting, plus know-how, plus soap and water, that's all.

But all plastics in the home aren't alike. Some are made of one type of plastic, others of another. Some can be boiled, some cannot. Certain types can withstand soaking, others can't.

It's almost impossible for the average woman to know just which types of plastics are used in the various items. So the best rule is: wash them or rub them down with warm thick suds. Since the smart homemaker wants to save her

time and energy, she should know the simplest way of taking care of any of her plastic furnishings. For instance, there's no need to remove plastic draperies and shades from the window in order to wash them. Just squeeze a cloth or sponge out in warm suds, and swab down the draperies, being careful to overlap the strokes so that no dusty streaks or lines are left. Then rinse out the cloth or sponge in warm clear water and swab down again to remove the suds.

AVOID DRIPPING

Use the same swabbing method for plastic shades, being careful that sponge or cloth is not so wet it drips onto you and the floor. If your rinse cloth or sponge is no wetter than it should be, you won't have to wipe the draperies or shades dry.

Shades that have been neglected may need more than a quick rub-down. They should be taken down from the windows, placed on the

kitchen table or other flat working surface and gone over thoroughly with suds and a rinse cloth. Then, when they are replaced at the windows, pull the shades down full length until they are completely dry.

PLASTIC UPHOLSTERY

Now for the plastic upholstery on sofa and chairs.

For these surfaces, use warm suds and rather the upholstery thoroughly, but don't get it dripping wet. Rinse quickly with a damp sponge or cloth. Non-porous plastic doesn't need much water in washing, as dust and grime stay on the surface and are easily sponged off. And woven plastic upholstery will simply shed the surplus water. So work swiftly with a moderately damp sponge or cloth.

While some plastic surfaces may look better for a light coating of wax, you won't want to use it on the furniture. Be sure, also, to rub down the plastic into plastics as it does into

wood, so any wax on seats would soon transfer itself to clothes. However, plastic table tops, radio cabinets and plastic floors, look best when they are glossy. So, after washing them off with warm suds and clear warm water, and being sure they're completely dry, apply a little liquid wax. Use sparingly, as all that is needed is a very light coating.

EASE IN CLEANING

In the bedroom and the children's rooms, where practically everything ought to be plastic, cleaning is quick and easy. Plastic spreads or tailored covers on the beds can be washed just where they are. Just don't wait for them to get badly soiled, but wash them off every day or so with a sudsy cloth or sponge, followed by a rinse cloth being lots of suds and clear water. Plastic fabric draperies can also be swabbed right on the furniture. Be sure, also, to rub down the plastic into plastics as it does into



AS THE SMOKE CLEARS AWAY

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Red Army Influences H-Bomb Outlook

By PATRICK MAITLAND, M.P.

BEFORE the unexpectedly powerful H-bomb exploded on March 1, the Russian Prime Minister, M. Malenkov, had given his people their first inkling about its dangers. He said his Government were opposed to the cold war because it was a preparation for "a new world slaughter which, with the existence of modern means of destruction, would mean the destruction of world civilisation."

Never had the Soviet Government warned their people that the modern bomb could destroy their country as well as the great cities of Capitalism. Up till that point, a critical moment in postwar Soviet propaganda, the Russians had been led to assume that in another world war it would be Capitalist countries, not the USSR, which would suffer.

Change Of Front

WHAT occasions this important change of front?

It is becoming plainer each month that the dominant power within the USSR is the Red Army. At the Berlin Conference M. Molotov gave the strong impression that the Red Army dictated Russia's continued control of East Germany; indeed on one occasion he let this drop in the privacy of an indiscretion at dinner.

Mora recently, the Forces Radio (Radio Voyn) uttered direct confirmation of the Army's mounting influence. Last week it carried a report on a party conference of the Soviet Army Group in Germany which included these words: "Our Party and Government have placed the Communists of the Army Group and of the Soviet Fighters in responsible posts to protect the peace and security of our Motherland."

Significant

THIS was a significant claim which underlines the growing number of Red Army officers who receive appointments to responsible positions throughout the USSR. There is a formidable number who are Members and Alternates of the Presidium of the Party. And the armed forces had no fewer than sixty representatives — mainly army men — in the Supreme Soviet, which was chosen on March 14.

These facts can be related to Soviet reaction to Pres-

ident Eisenhower's proposal for an atom bomb bank and co-operative measures to harness atomic energy for developing backward territories.

For, when M. Malenkov spoke on March 12, he had two days earlier approved a message to the United States, carried by Ambassador Zharubin, which itemised the Russian programme for abolition of the weapon. This programme fell short of anything that the United States would consider, but it on the one hand treated the President's programme with the deepest suspicion and, on the other, propounded no substantial suggestions about control.

It was not long before Mr Zharubin was told plainly at the State Department that the Russian note was inadequate. And on hearing this he was quick to reply, it is learned, that no doubt the Russian proposals were susceptible to some modification. He suggested the USSR might be willing to consider control again, and gave an

assurance of further study for the American programme.

The Red Army's influence is all that can be discerned in another context. The army journal Red Star has now followed M. Malenkov's warning with an illustration of what the bomb could do even in the mighty wastes of Siberia. It suggested that the effect of the bomb could be likened to the effect of the meteor which plunged to earth in Siberia in 1908 and devastated hundreds of acres of forest.

In Diplomacy

THE Red Army evidently sympathises at least with the education of Soviet public opinion against the use, and in favour of abolition, of the weapon. It appreciates that in a world without the bomb, the Red Army would enjoy the heavy superiority of conventional armaments.

It is apparent that Russia is already using the bomb as a diplomatic weapon. That is the context of M. Molotov's broad

hints in Berlin that the Chinese now had a stockpile. Since there is nothing to suggest that this is of Chinese manufacture, it must be a Soviet stock; but it implies that China is also an atomic power as Britain was already before the Montebello tests.

Diplomatically this is a claim that if Britain, France and Canada, before any of them had A-bombs of their own making, were rightly recognised as the United Nations as atomic powers, then it is equally right for China to be so recognised today.

The Soviet Government has hardly ceased, since the war, to campaign for a 5-Power Peace Pact. If Canada be included no doubt the number would now be six.

It is evident that Russia, under growing Red Army influence, seeks to ensure that in any new balance of power which may be established through negotiations about atomic weapons, the Russian Alliance of Moscow and Peking is marshalled to balance up the NATO group, perhaps with the object of a resulting preponderance in conventional armaments.

On April 29 the Queen will inaugurate The Owen Falls hydro-electric scheme in Uganda and she will make —

A FORTY-FIVE-YEAR-OLD DREAM COME TRUE

By YORKE HENDERSON

NEARLY 45 years ago a young ex-army officer stood on a rocky spur near Jinja, in Uganda, and watched the waters of the Nile rush past from Lake Victoria. Being a young man of vision he saw more than the rocks and the sun-flecked water. Soon afterwards he wrote:

"It would be perfectly easy to harness the whole river and let the Nile begin its long and beneficent journey to the sea by leaping through a turbine."

"It is possible that nowhere else in the world could so enormous a mass of water be held up by so little masonry."

The writer's name was Winston Churchill. But forty years had to pass before the first move was made to translate Sir Winston's dream into reality. For it was not until 1947 that a report on a project to bring hydro-electric power to East Africa from the Nile was produced by a British engineer, Mr C. R. Westlake, who was later to become chairman of the Uganda Electricity Board.

JAGGED SPUR

As a site for the dam and the turbines, he chose the identical stretch of river which had caught Sir Winston's imagination—a point where a jagged spur of rock pens the river to a manageable width of 500 feet. Before the white man came to Uganda, the warriors of the Kabakas, the Uganda rulers,

"Jinja is destined to become a very important place in the future economy of Central Africa.... In years to come the shores of this splendid bay may be crowned with long rows of comfortable tropical villas and imposing offices and the gorges of the Nile crowded with factories and warehouses. There is power enough to gin all the cotton and saw all the wood in Uganda, and it is here that one of the principal emporia of tropical produce will certainly be created."

SECOND BIGGEST

How right was Sir Winston? Well, Jinja is the country's second biggest town. It has a cigarette factory, a cotton gin and a grain conditioning plant. Now the Calico Printers' Association of Manchester is to erect a big textile mill, and a brewery is at the planning stage. Hydro-electric power will attract other factories.

The Owen Falls scheme is historic. For when it gets under way it will generate hydro-electric power on a scale unprecedented in Africa south of the Sahara. This, too, is a first. The Owen Falls scheme are the

The total cost of the scheme will be nearly £22 millions. The turbines will provide 700 million units of electricity a year.

Then 15,000 k.w. generators will provide power equivalent to 400,000 tons of coal a year.

An international company of British, Danish and Dutch firms has 2,000 men working on the project. That number includes 1,500 Africans, whose whole future can be changed for the better by the job they are doing.

TOTAL LENGTH

The total length of the dam, including the intake dam behind the power house and the two head-race dams, is 2,725 feet. The world has more impressive looking dams. But the water stored in America's famous Boulder Dam is only one-fifth of that to be stored in the ten-foot operating range of Lake Victoria.

Not only British territories will benefit from Owen Falls. For apart from providing them with power, the increased storage of Lake Victoria waters, and their regulated discharge, will mean much-needed water for irrigation in Egypt and the Sudan. The Egyptian Government will pay for dam-work necessitated by water-storage demands and will pay compensation to the Uganda Electricity Board for consequential loss of power and to lakeside interests affected by the raising of Lake Victoria's level.

Several years of work have still to be done before the scheme is completed. But on April 29, when the Queen opens the first sluice-gates, and starts the first turbine, posterity will be putting its official seal to the dream—half a century old—of a great Nile dam.

'HILLARYS' OF THE CRAGS PREPARE

By J. W. Taylor

London. NOW that the days lengthen and the approach of Easter gives promise of summer, hundreds of rock climbers all over Britain are assembling at their respective headquarters to plan the season's campaigns amid rock, crag and fell—a sport that is growing in popularity all over the country at a surprising rate.

Their early attention is focused on checking over equipment, remaking boots and consulting once again well-thumbed and battered guide books, besides indulging in such earnest discourses as the relative merits of clinker edge and Tricouni nails and nailed and rubber footwear.

Experts say it is essential that beginners should start their rock climbing in nailed boots and not rubber footwear, and in the company of an experienced leader. They should avoid the mistake of having too many nails in their boots, but have them placed sparsely round the edges so that the climber can use individual nails and not a solid cluster of them.

They're Troubled

Climbers of the old school, whilst welcoming the growing interest in the sport, are rather troubled by what has come along with it—a decline in standards both of safety and behaviour shown by a minority of young climbers. The decline can be measured by the number of accidents that have occurred and by the poor opinion some responsible people have of climbers in general, because of the untoward conduct of the few.

Says expert Northern cragsman A. H. Griffin, who has been climbing regularly in all seasons in the Lake District, Seddland, North Wales and abroad, for 25 years: "The men who pioneered the sport of rock climbing and carried on the early traditions were men of courage, but they were not foolhardy. They were men of dash and daring, but they were also intelligent, responsible and farseeing. Young people about to start climbing can do no better than model their standards on those of the old pioneers, both on and off the crags. For instance, this modern pandering of unnecessary equipment and foolish, boastful chatter in the valleys, make the climbers of even a generation ago shudder when they see and hear it."

A Tendency

"There is a tendency, nowadays, for rock climbers to be gymnasts and not mountaineers, and this is to be deplored. The genuine climber takes on a challenge met by proper technique and a standard code of conduct made to overcome difficulties and reduce dangers, and out of it all emerges the quiet joy of achievement. A would-be climber should, first of all, be a mountain lover and a practical fell walker under all weather conditions and first get to know about difficulties to be faced, the provision and proper use of the right sort of equipment, and a host of other things that can only be learned by experience in the company of leaders who know and yet are still finding things out."

"People climb" because they want to share adventure with congenial companions. This is the principal difference between fell walking and rock climbing—the adventure or the risk attached to the latter. One may enjoy fell walking alone, whereas there are always at least two on a rope, and it is this very comradeship under adventurous circumstances which provides the particular attraction of climbing."

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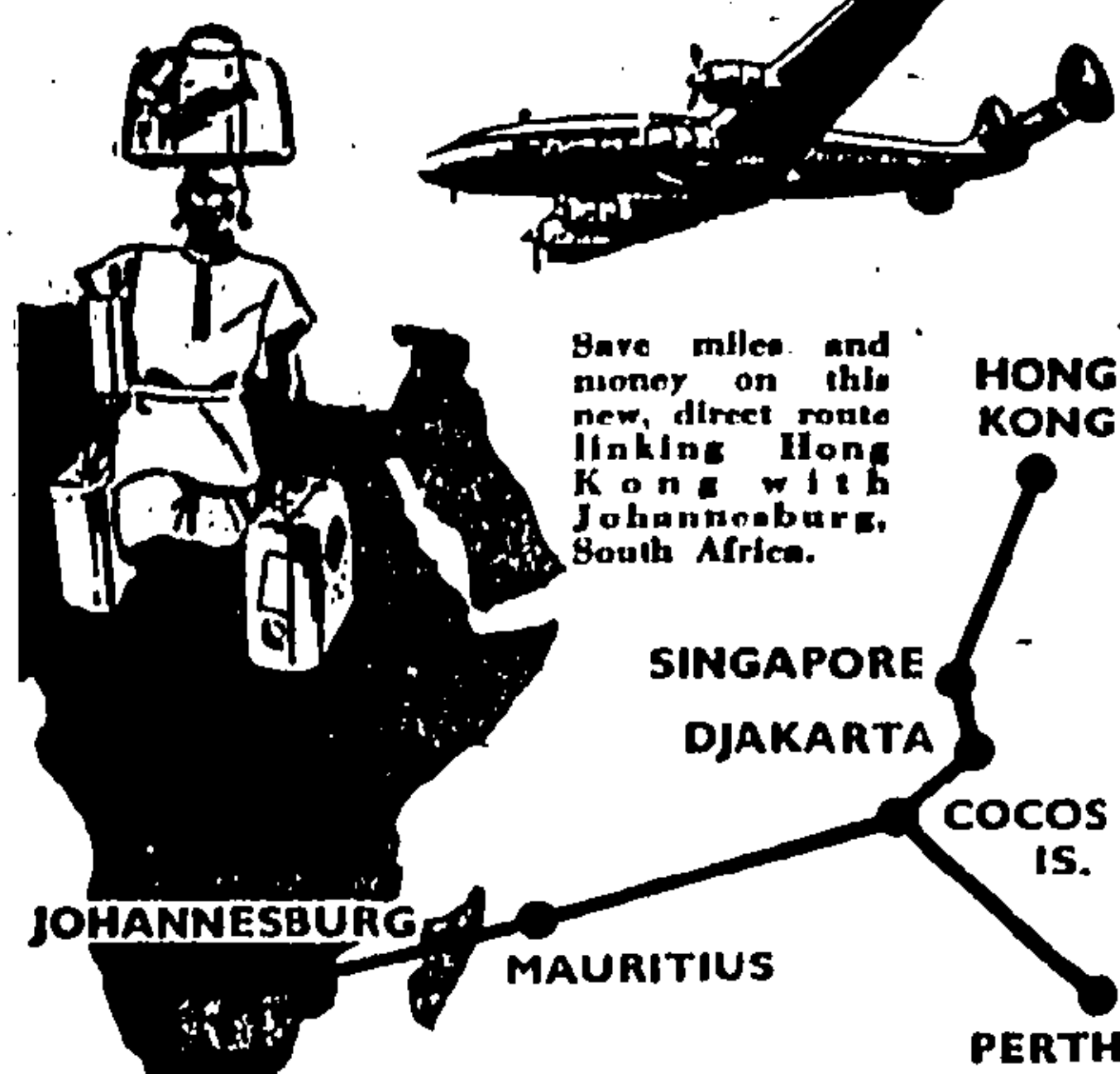
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PARADE

GETTING BIGGER The world will have to revise its impression of the Japanese. Last week, the fast-thinking trade expert of the "Little yellow men" arrived in Wellington. He is handsome H. Kitahara—and he stands 6ft. 1 1/2 inches in his stocking feet. Questioned about his height, he replied that it really wasn't so unusual any longer. Japanese are growing bigger every day. Diet is doing the trick. They are drinking more milk and eating more wheat. As for the prize Jersey cows from New Zealand.

MYSTERY BAG

Ah, the joys of being a diplomat. At a check-point on the Dutch-German border, officials were horrified when a diplomat pouch for Chancellor Adenauer's office burst open. Out tumbled some of the "important dispatches" from the West German offices in London. They included tea, coffee, cocoa, chocolates and liquor—all things with a heavy import duty. Customs men could only stand by with their mouths open. Diplomatic pouches are not subject to checks. But the West German foreign office is busy investigating.

MAKING IT UP

Proof that Nature does her best to alleviate Mamma's follies comes from Germany where statistics show that ever since the end of the war more boys than girls have been born. The terrific German manpower losses in the war reduced the German male to a relatively scarce commodity. So much so that there were nearly three million more women than men in 1945. Since that date, however, male births have been outnumbering female births by over 14,000 a year. The ratio of births to deaths has also been reversed and now the West German population is going up by 250,000 a year.

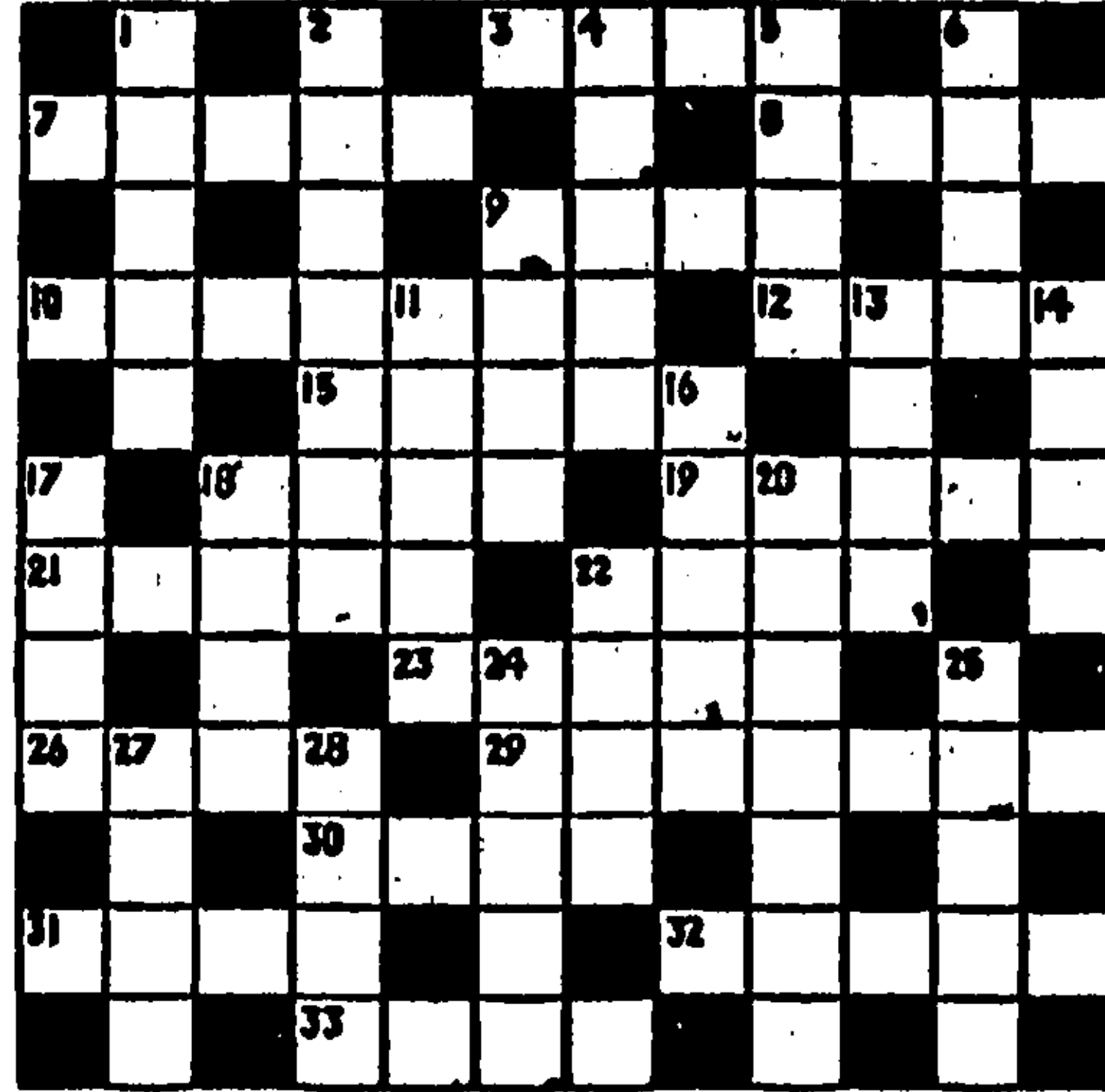
NOT SPORTING

Three New Zealanders out for a little spare time fishing had to cough up a whopping £75 fine in Wellington. They caught 13 trout "out of season"—but that was the lesser of their crimes. More important, officialdom pointed out, was the fact that they used "unsporting" tactics. They caught the fish with garden forks.

IMPORTED SUPPORT

Officials sorting documents in the Alexandria palace of one of ex-king Farouk's sisters recently found invoices for £800 worth of "falsies". They declined to comment on the find—or to say which of Farouk's sisters needed so much support.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

DOWN

- 3 Encourage (4).
7 Desire eagerly (5).
8 Musical instrument (4).
9 Settles up (4).
10 Gives up work (7).
12 Wound mark (4).
15 Mortality (5).
18 Twofold (4).
19 Vacant (5).
21 Crawl (5).
22 Victim (4).
23 Drawingroom (5).
26 Disfigure (4).
28 Controller (7).
30 Spare (4).
31 Cut (4).
32 Dangle (5).
33 Disorder (4).
- 1 Heavenly body (5).
2 Remainder (7).
4 Brag (5).
5 Rise and fall (4).
6 Bean (4).
9 Chime (4).
11 Harvests (5).
13 Initiate (4).
14 Beams (4).
16 Bird (5).
17 Dross (4).
18 Expensive (4).
20 Threatened (7).
22 Scheme (4).
24 Accumulate (5).
25 Send (5).
27 Lily (4).
28 Bang (4).

THURSDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Frocks, 7 Spot, 9 Flair, 10 Essay, 11 Erst, 13 Despondent, 15 Type, 16 Gear, 19 Surrenders, 22 Acts, 24 Heirs, 25 Mould, 26 Tarn, 27 Sudden. Down: 2 Rooms, 3 Cargo, 4 Steady, 5 Assented, 6 Toys, 8 Party, 12 Tiers, 13 Dogma, 14 Perusing, 17 Aster, 18 Crisis, 20 Nomad, 21 Elude, 22 Char.

The Count Bowed

HALF A LIFE. By Count Benckendorff. Richards Press, 25s. 319 pages.

UNDAUNTED by an imperfect alliance with the English language, Count Benckendorff recalls the first 48 years of his life—as a son of an aristocratic house, at once Russian and cosmopolitan.

Wherever he went he found well-placed relatives: his father was Russian ambassador in London, but the German and Austrian ambassadors were also his connections; when the Japanese made him a prisoner after the fall of Port Arthur, why, if his first cousin, Count Hatzfeldt, was not in the German Embassy in Tokyo?

Revolution came to Russia; with it, an end of all noble privileges. Yet, when Benckendorff called on official business to see the Bolshevik Foreign Commissar in Moscow, the first greeting of that formidable revolutionary was "How is Aunt Helena?"

For the Foreign Commissar was Tschicherin, another noble relation. About the Revolution, Benckendorff will hardly permit himself to utter a harsh word. Even the dreaded Cheka prisons were not black as they have been painted.

With one young Cheka agent he had the most friendly discussion and no less amiable rivalry for the favours of a fascinating prima ballerina of the Bolshoi Theatre, then convalescing in a mental home.

In the summer of 1918 Benckendorff, whose politics had always been Liberal, was invited by a Soviet in the Tambov province, where the family estate was situated, to return and take up residence in the ancestral mansion. He was promised two shares of the convalescent and the post of People's Justice.

He accepted, unhesitatingly, did everything possible to make himself unobtrusive. One day an agitator from the central government turned up in the district, with two attendant hags; a mass meeting was summoned to which Benckendorff was invited.

The intruder harangued the peasants on the theme of "blood-sucking slave-owners and exploiters," whereupon one of the local Soviet officials told him to shut up and, turning apologetically to Benckendorff, said: "Constantine Alexandrovich, you see for yourself that you must leave us for the time being. We never had any quarrel with you or your fathers either, and we thank you for

... and said
goodbye to the
home of his fathers

NEW BOOKS

by **GEORGE MALCOLM THOMSON**

past times and wish you good speed in God's name." Benckendorff, on behalf of his family and himself, thanked them for the past and wished them good luck. Both parties bowed from the waist. He left the home of his fathers. Such was the Red Revolution as seen by a Russian nobleman in the Tambov province. About the same time, 800 miles to the east, the Bolsheviks murdered the Tsar and his family. Russia was vast enough to house many revolutions at once. Benckendorff gives, not a steady survey, but casual, illuminating glimpses of one of them.

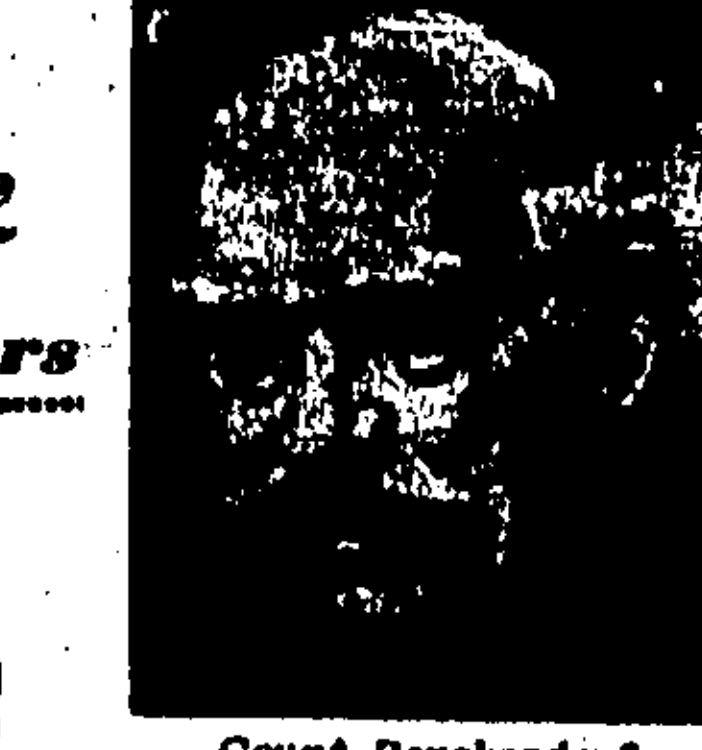
THE PROPHET ARMED: TROTSKY: 1879-1921. By Isaac Deutscher, Oxford, 30s. 540 pages.

THE bumbling old Russia of the Tsars, easily hoodwinked, was still more easily stirred up into blind, beastlike rages. Trotsky was its most effective god.

Lev Davidovich Bronstein, son of a tough, well-to-do, pioneering Jewish farmer, acquired in the course of his dedicated life eleven pseudonyms; only "Trotsky" has survived to fame. Impatiently enduring imprisonment, exile and hardship, he became, at last, the second, but most brilliant, leader of the Russian Revolution. He brought to his tasks—

historical imagination; consciously influenced by reading; he waged the Russian revolution with the aid of quotations from the French; a European outlook; he despised the "Scythian" Slavs, while remaining deeply Russian in nostalgia; a gift for stinging phrase: the Tsar was that "fierce hangman."

a genius for improvisation; a taste for tyranny, an aptitude for war, improved by study. He was a devoted husband and father; loved women and



Count Benckendorff from the portrait by Anthony Davis.

picture galleries, sneaking away from Socialist congresses to visit the Louvre or the Tate. He was a graphic war-reporter, a journalist with an enthusiasm for his craft. From his Siberian prison cell he wrote of his sudden, sharp longing "for the loveliest thing the world can offer, the smell of the printing ink of a fresh newspaper."

Arrogant, yet with a flaw in his self-confidence; ruthless rather than brutal, he naively failed to see that when you grasp power you should appear to have it forced on you.

So, for all his foresight, which enabled him, as early as 1904 to deduce that Lenin's outlook would lead to the Stalinist dictatorship, Trotsky was outmanoeuvred by the "morose, yellow-eyed" Georgian. In the hour of crisis, the gifts that gave him distinction among the drab paladins of Bolshevism—wit, culture, cosmopolitanism—became his enemies. Through the necessary, dreary jungle of doctrinal squabbles among exiled Socialists, Deutscher follows Trotsky's life to its apotheosis in the succeeding crises of the revolution. The story, as he sees it, is a tragedy of human pride. On the last page the hero stands triumphant. Nemesis lies ahead.

LIBRARY LIST

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Most people like silverware that matches, but it gets monotonous going to the same restaurant all the time.
A writer contends that most girls haven't any particular view on kissing. Is that because they don't keep their eyes open?
Having grown daughters is what makes a lot of fathers slaves to fashion.
The only trouble with a sure thing is the uncertainty.
You'd be surprised at how many people get two vacations—their own and while the boss is away.
Mixing drinks doesn't bring as much trouble as mixing drunks.
Some teen-agers need a good belt before they learn to buckle down.
Many people prefer the cheaper alarm clocks. There's a chance they won't ring.
What we need is a trainer who can teach mottos to eat holes like lace.
Strange, but it's when you have the nerve that you are afraid to go to the dentist.

VIGNETTES OF LIFE

The Easter Parade

By KEMP STARRETT



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AND THERE'LL BE A LOT OF MUTTERING BY THE MEN ABOUT WOMEN'S HATS... MOSTLY BLASPHEMOUS

SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Wootton



WEEK-END SOFTBALL

China's Chances To Retain International Trophy Not Bright

By "SNOOPER"

China's chances to retain the International softball trophy are not regarded as being particularly bright when the cream of the Chinese ballplayers face a powerful Portugal squad in the only ball game on Easter Sunday commencing at 2.30 p.m. at King's Park.

Even the most ardent supporters of the Chinese team are merely hopeful, rather than confident, that China can earn a victory in a nine-inning game.

This is not to discourage the Chinese softballers but simply a reminder that in pitcher Jackie Wei China can be assured of an excellent moundman for just four innings and that Wei can be depended on to play his part.

Wei has revealed a devastating speed in his deliveries during the early stages of a ball game, but is inclined to fall by the wayside towards the later junctures of a tight game.

For Portugal, it will be a difficult task to break through the tight fielding of the Chinese fielders in first baseman C. M. Tsang, second baseman K. T. "Habit" Leung, third baseman Wally Ma and shortstop Y. S. Liang.

The infielders should be well supported by such prominent outfielders as Lee Poon-hong of the Chinese Athletic Association, who is unquestionably the best centre-fielder in local softball this season, and L. C. Poon of South China.

Outstanding player for the Portuguese team is pitcher Victor Pedruco, the moundman who was mainly responsible for the

Saints' string of victories in the League to regain their Senior "A" Pennant.

Pedruco is expected to perform creditably and a victory should boost his prospects of being selected as the Most Valuable Player of the Year.

Another prominent player in the Portugal team is catcher Cuscuta Souza of the Warriors who has demonstrated his prowess in this position for his team in League games.

Portugal's fielders, comprising mostly Braves members, are capable of matching the Chinese and much will depend on first baseman Calau Yvanovich, third baseman Junior Remedios and shortstop Robert Nunes of the Braves in this tilt.

The International Final should result in a clash of batting strength. Prominent Chinese batters are C. M. Tsang and P. C. Wong of the Chinese Athletic Association, Y. S. Liang, S. S. Hsu and Wally Ma of the Pandas.

For Portugal, Calau Yvanovich and Junior Remedios

medios of the Braves and Arturo Ozorio of the Saints should have the way to a Portuguese victory.

JUNIOR KNOCKOUT
The semi-finals of the Junior Knockout Tournament will be played on Saturday. The PI Dodgers, in their quest for the Championship, are favoured to beat the Rockies in the opening game while the Matmaus should start strong favourites over the Chinese Athletic Association second stringers.

Jindoo Hussain, chairman of the Dance Committee, informed the writer yesterday that all-out preparations to make this year's Annual Presentation Dance the biggest and best ever are under way.

The Annual Dance will be held at the Peninsula Hotel on May 8 and tickets are now available from team managers, Council members and the Dance Committee.

There will be novelty shows and Jitterbug and Mambo dance contests. Admission will be \$10, including dinner, per head.

Long Putt Won £300 For Bernard Hunt

Bernard Hunt, leading money winner and Ryder Cup player at 23 last season, does not feel spectacular shots helped him in his major win at Worthing—his break-through into top-rank golf, writes James Goodfellow.

Hunt's policy that day: "Just knocking the ball around, seeking my figure." The result: A score of 273 (89, 88, 96, 70) and the £300 first prize.

"Perhaps my best and most effective shot in that tournament," recalls Hunt, "was a long putt for a 3 at the 17th hole after I had sunk a curly putt for a 4 at the 18th to gain a one-stroke lead."

STUCK TRULY

"I was not concerned what other players were doing, just playing my own game, and no one told me Jack Hargreaves was on my heels. (He finished with a total 275.)"

"My run-up shot at the 17th was short. The ball stopped on the front of the green about 12 to 15 yards from the pin."

"My main idea was to roll it up to the hole, but it was struck truly and went in."

"This, as it turned out, settled my winning of the £300 first prize. I could have taken 5 instead of 3."

(Hargreaves and Halliburton, chasing Hunt, were bunkered at the 17th.)

"A par 4 was registered at the home green for a score of 70 and a 2-shot lead over the field."

—(London Express Service)

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the 11th Race Meeting 1953/54 to be held on Saturday 1st and Saturday 8th May, 1954, (weather permitting), may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Tuesday 20th April, 1954.

By Order of the Stewards,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

SATURDAY SOCCER SPOT

THE GAME FOR THE GAME'S SAKE—ABOUT A LEADER AND ABOUT A TEAM

By I. M. MacTAVISH

My Easter offering is a mixed affair for I have two very varied stories to tell. One concerns a big man the other is the tale of a very little team.

The big man is the Chairman of the Hongkong Football Association, guide-in-chief to many other sporting organisations, counsellor and friend to football and footballers in this Colony — Jack Skinner.

In the many years he has spent in Hongkong, Mr Skinner has never ceased his crusade for the betterment of sport in general and football in particular. It is difficult to assess his material and abstract contributions down through the years and it is still more difficult to realise that this wonderful soccer servant is all too soon to sever his connection with what has been almost his life's work.

Yes, Jack Skinner is leaving Hongkong. He is retiring to the United Kingdom and when he told me of his decision he made it clear that it had been taken only after long and careful consideration and is irrevocable. It must have been a tough decision to make.

Mr Skinner plans to sail in December and it is indeed hard to appreciate that this will be his last full soccer season among us.

I know that he will not consider it a liberty when I say that he made it clear that he feels deeply about the impending break with the Colony. He has been very happy here and of course he has seen the fruition of many of his biggest plans.

He has seen fine new stadiums rise in our midst. He has seen the Colony elevated to true, international status. He has done a grand job and well may he bask in the satisfaction of a task well done.

I hope in due time to be allowed to review something of the work Mr Skinner has inspired and encouraged, and I hope also to be able to write something of his personal reminiscences of soccer during the years he has been in the Colony.

Mr Skinner's departure will give rise to many problems. It has often been said that no man is indispensable, but however true that axiom may be, there can be no doubt that, in this case, it is difficult to spot a natural successor.

His wide knowledge of international sport, his naturally tranquil temperament, and above all, his unswerving belief in fair play for all sportsmen irrespective of race or creed, will make him a most difficult man to replace in our local organisations.

CLOSELY LINKED

Well that is my uncheerful Easter story of a great man, now here is my tale of a little team and in its way it is, in principle at least, closely linked with the first story for it is the sort that Mr Skinner himself would like to tell. It is a simple tale of playing the game for the game's sake and it concerns the team that is right at the bottom of the Third Division of the League, the Star Ferry.

It is all too usual for sports writers to confine their activities to the successful competitors in any competition but I have had my attention drawn to the particular circumstances concerning the Star Ferry team and I feel like my informant—that it is a story worth telling.

Here are the bold facts. This team has played week after week since the start of the season and, believe it or not, they haven't won a single game in fact up to last week they had only one point to their credit. At the same time they have lost almost a century of goals, and I won't embarrass the players by mentioning how few they have managed to score.

But the great fact is that this team has never flinched at its commitments; it has gone on hoping that maybe next week will see a victory. The players have often been on shift work right up to the last minute. They have dashed to the appropriate ground, played their game, then just as often dashed back to resume work again.

If that isn't playing the game for the game's sake then I just cannot think what is. Sacrifices in the face of success are understandable, but it is in the determination to go on when things are running badly against you that the real enthusiasm is found. Such is the spirit found in this little team. Played 19

games, lost 18, drawn 1, goals against 97, and point (s) 1, but never absent never late.

I doff the MacTavish topper to this grand bunch of players by going out and winning this week!

SEVERELY PRUNED

With the Colony Interport team in action at Singapore, the 1st Division programme is severely pruned this week-end.

At the Club Stadium this afternoon Police will provide the opposition to Club and it both sides were at full strength this could be a first class game. Both will, however, have enforced changes, but even at that the spectators should get an interesting encounter.

It is good to see that the Club has stopped the experimental with Gardner and Falconer gets the same rank-



Mr Jack Skinner

ing when he is in the half back line, but neither is in his natural element when the positions are reversed.

The Police side with Wakefield, Moss, Hughes and Riley will provide a powerful backbone are capable of giving the best of teams a run for their money and against a re-arranged Club side they could very easily come out on top.

Match will depend on whether the new Club half-back line knits together. If there are any gaps the Police will find them even without Au Chi-yin.

Tomorrow, also at the Club

Stadium, St. Joseph's cross swords with Eastern. This is a meeting of two teams who have had a most disappointing season.

The Saints, with their ever growing contingent of Army players, are apt to strike form and cause a surprise but this looks like being a victory for Eastern. Both teams have a lot of talent in their line-up and if either or both can find their lost form the game could provide good entertainment for the spectators.

INDIAN VISIT

Next week we shall be welcoming the members of the Indian Aslan Games team which is having a series of matches here en route to Manila. This should be a most interesting series and the football public will look forward to it with pleasure, but I must confess that the composition of the All-Hongkong and Hongkong Selection teams has me guessing, and from conversations I have had with others it is obvious that I am not the only one who falls to see the reasoning behind some of the selections.

The biggest argument concerns Chan Fai-hung and Tong Sheung. In recent games Chan Fai-hung has generally been the outstanding half-back field. Against Macao and against Great Britain Chan played delightful football and in both these games Tong Sheung was right off form as he has also been in several club games.

But Tong Sheung is retained in the All-Hongkong side while Chan Fai-hung, after all his good work, finds himself in the Hongkong selection or, in what is really the second team.

Last Sunday Lau Yee in the China side was completely overshadowed by Wells in the Great Britain eleven, but Lau Yee is in the top team for the Indian series and Wells finds himself in the Selection.

Now let me make this clear, I am not quibbling about the basic abilities of these players or suggesting that one is fundamentally better than another, but I am saying that current form rather than past reputation is surely the criterion in making particular choices or have we come back to dollars, turnstiles and well-filled seats.

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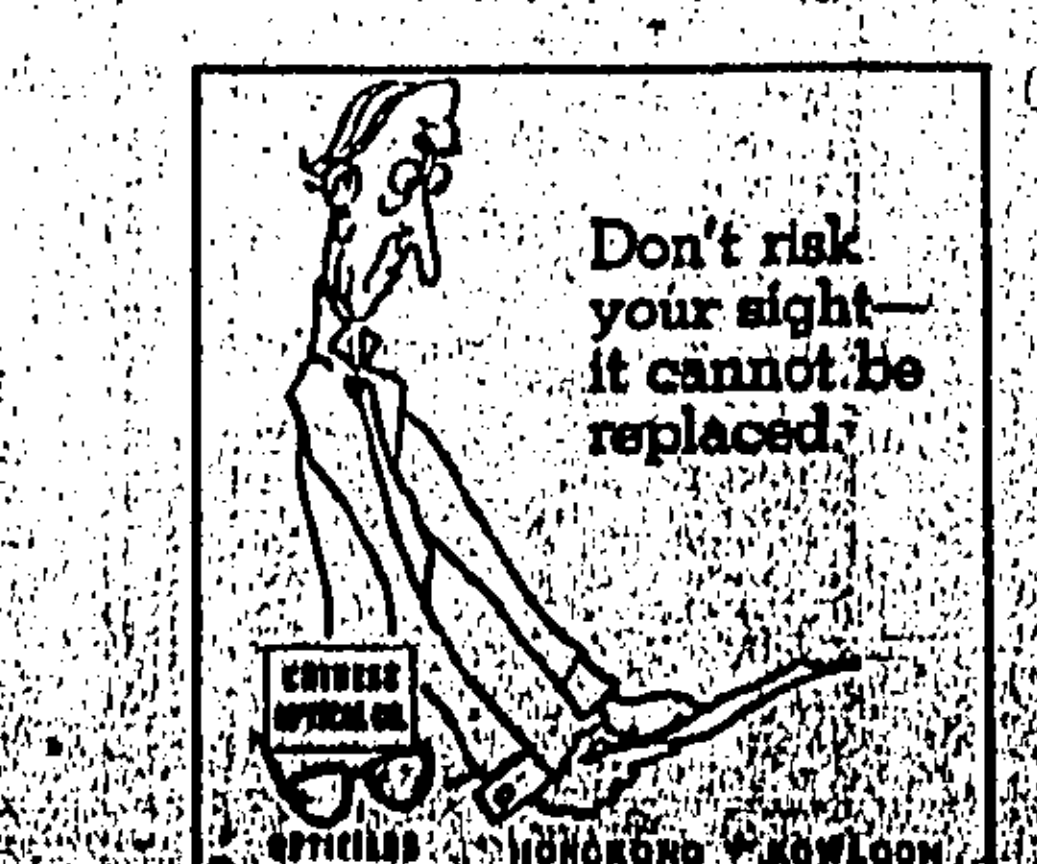
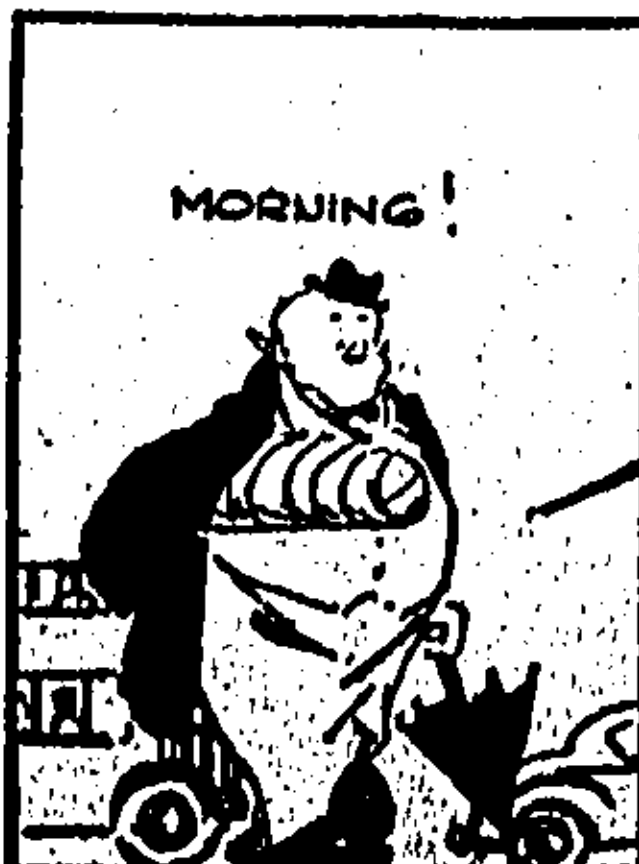
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The Toy Train Becomes Real!

—Mr. Merlin Did It with His Magic Words—

By MAX TRELL

It was only a toy train.

Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, and Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, and Mr. Punch and Mary Jane, the Rag Doll, and General Tin, the Tin Soldier, and the Canary and Mrs. Cuckoo, who lived inside the cuckoo clock, all watched the little train as it ran around the track, clicking and clacking as it went.

Doesn't Go Any Place

"But it doesn't really go anywhere," Knarf said sadly. "It just goes past the sofa and past the table and past the window and back again to the sofa."

Everyone else agreed with Knarf. The train didn't take a very long trip.

"And besides," said Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, "no one rides on it. Real trains have passengers."

It was just then that Mr. Merlin, the Magician, came out from behind the bookcase where he had his office. He glanced at the train, which had stopped running, and he glanced at the sad faces in the room.

"Here," he said, "what's the trouble?"

Knarf explained about the train. "It doesn't go anywhere," he said to Mr. Merlin. "And there aren't any passengers. It isn't like a real train at all."

Mr. Merlin smiled. "We can fix that," he said.

Some Surprising Things

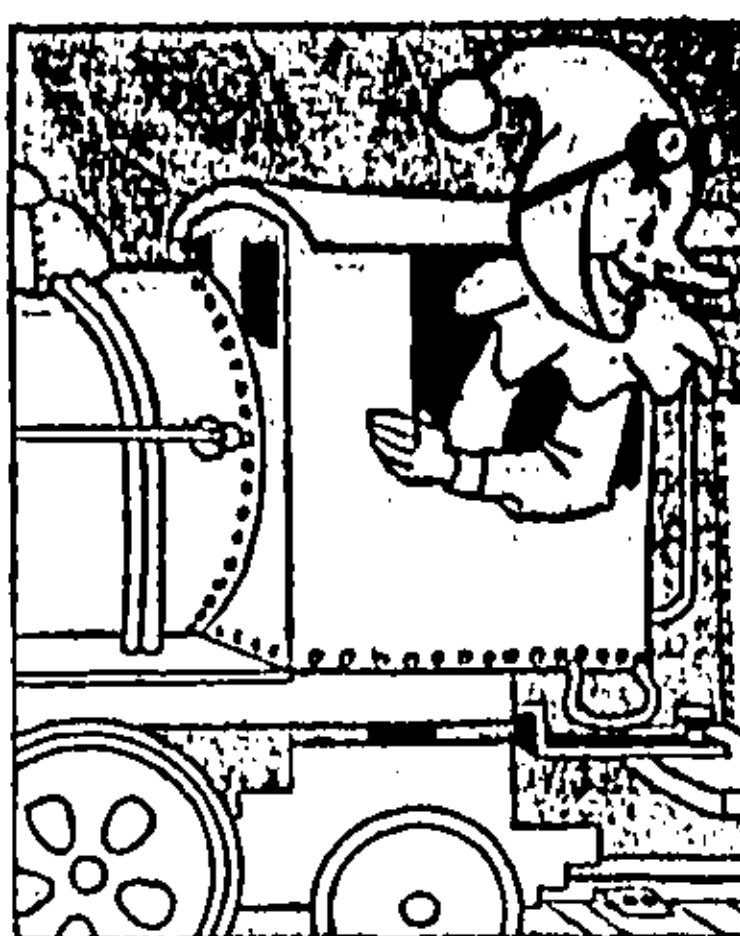
Then a number of surprising things happened. First of all, Mr. Merlin mumbled some magic words. And the next instant, the whole room turned into a railway station with ticket windows, train gates, a baggage room, a big clock and an information desk at which, strangely enough, Mr. Merlin himself was sitting and giving out timetables to Knarf and Hanid and Mary Jane. They were all carrying valises.

Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, had suddenly turned into a porter. Mrs. Cuckoo kept calling out, "All aboard! All aboard! Trains for Australia, the North Pole, Boston, San Francisco and Constantinople!"

"Let's go to Constantinople!" Knarf said to Hanid and Mary Jane.

They all hurried through the gate. The Canary stood at the gate, dressed in a gate man's uniform.

The train stood at the tracks, but it wasn't a toy train any more. It was a regular big train with steam hissing and a man, dressed in engineer's overalls, topping the wheels with a hammer. When the man looked up, Knarf and Hanid saw to their surprise that it was General Tin, the Tin Soldier.



Mr. Punch was the engineer.

They waved to the engineer, who waved back to them from the window of the locomotive. It was Mr. Punch.

They all boarded the train. The locomotive huffed and puffed. The bell clanged. Away they went.

Once more the Canary appeared, walking through the train and calling out: "Tickets! Show your tickets!" He pecked a neat hole in each ticket with his sharp bill. He was now the conductor.

An Amazing Trip

It was an amazing trip. The train roared past an enormous mountain standing on top of four great hills (and it all looked like an enormous sofa). Then they passed a great high field (which looked like a table). Then they came to a great open place flooded with sunshine (and it looked like a window), and finally they reached Constantinople.

And there, standing in the middle of Constantinople was a smiling man, wearing a red fez. It was Mr. Merlin, the Magician.

"We're certainly lucky to know a magician like you," Hanid said to Mr. Merlin, as they rode back home again. "It isn't everybody who can change a toy railroad into a real railroad."

"Nothing to it," replied Mr. Merlin, the Magician, modestly. "It's as easy as pie. All you have to do is know how."

Did You Know That

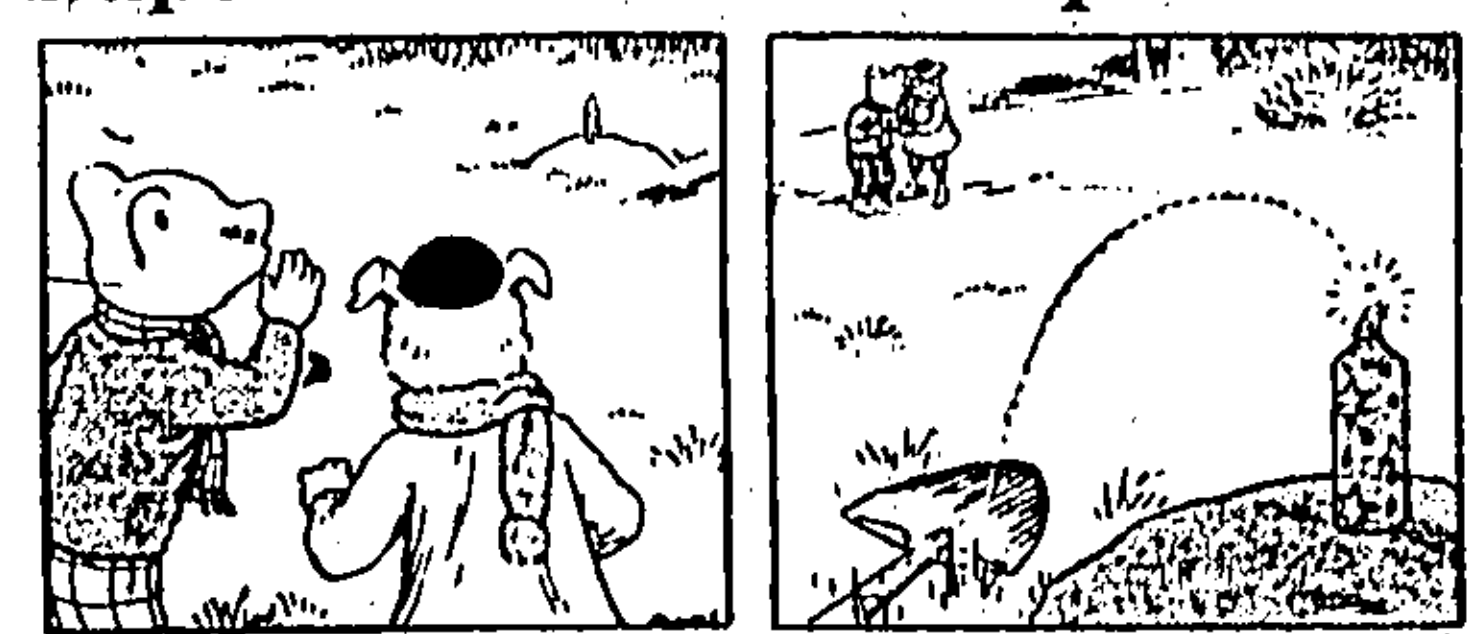
It is believed that eyeglasses were invented in Florence, Italy, about 1285?

Geese appear in the inscriptions left by the earliest civilisations?

Rice paper is not made from rice but from parts of small trees found in the swampy forests of Formosa?

It is safe to hold a queen bee in your hand since they only use their stings on other queen bees?

Rupert and the Black Spark—29



When the two friends are a safe distance away Rupert calls to the spark. Then there is a long pause. "Are you sure it understood you?" asks Bingo. "I hope you're not pulling my leg with this dark story of yours! Remember, I haven't seen your spark ALL RIGHTS RESERVED

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For the Egg Game, everyone is given an egg-shaped piece of paper, a pencil along with it. From a basket, each player draws a single printed word. The object is to write an Easter poem about the word drawn. Should one player draw the word "chicken" his jingle might read like this:

Candy chicks and toy-store chickens
Some are fat and some are much thinner
You can have your sweets and cotton
I prefer mine fried for dinner.

Whoever writes the zaniest poem gets the prize of a chocolate egg.

The colouring of the eggs can occupy the group until refreshment time. Serve any flavour ice cream, a candy egg on the top of the scoop, vari-coloured cupcakes in a basket, individual pop bottles wrapped in green paper, a flower attached with a pipe-stem cleaner to the cap.

Game With Words

BELOW are statements giving four quite different meanings for each of 10 words. Read the four meanings. Then select the correct one for each word. Circle it if you like.

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4. A canteen is (a) a covering for a bed, (b) a dance, (c) a place where soldiers buy supplies, or (d) part of a long poem.
5. Rancour means (a) ill will, (b) by chance, (c) of high degree, or (d) heavy.
6. A peccadillo is (a) a musical instrument (b) a pickle, (c) a bull fighter, or (d) a minor error.
7. A scallion is (a) a rascal, (b) a kind of onion, (c) a kitchen boy, or (d) something very hot.
8. A sequin is (a) a fish, (b) a very large tree, (c) a dress ornament, or (d) a story continuing an earlier one.
9. Dilemma means (a) a flavouring, (b) a garden flower, (c) a process in arithmetic, or (d) a choice between two ways of behaving.
10. A cygnet is (a) something girls wear in their hair, (b) a young swan, (c) a sarcastic remark, or (d) signing your name.

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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

'Swindle' Leads To Difficult Contract

By OSWALD JACOBY

YOU may not agree with South's opening bid of three hearts, but it has quite a bit to recommend it. This was the bid chosen by Alfred Shelnwald, author of two best-selling bridge books for beginners, at the national tournament in Dallas.

"Game wasn't very likely," Shelnwald explained, "in view of my partner's pass. Because of the unfavourable vulnerability, my bid showed a very strong heart suit and about seven sure winners."

"Hence my partner could still raise to game if he had three probable tricks. I wasn't anxious to get to three hearts by degrees and then perhaps get doubled by the opponents." Practically everybody else got to three hearts with the South hand, although by different bidding. North left compelled to bid spades first and diamonds later, and South rebid his hearts each time, ending at three hearts.

The defenders should have taken at least six tricks: two diamonds, two clubs, and two

NORTH (D)		13
♠	A Q 10 8 7	2
♥	2	2
♦	Q J 10 8 2	
♣	Q J	
WEST	EAST	
♠ 5 4 2	♠ 6 5 3	
♥ 10 8 7 4	♥ 3	
♦ 9 3	♦ A K 7 4	
♣ A 5 4	♣ K 10 9 3 2	
SOUTH		
♠ K J		
♥ A K Q 6 5 3		
♦ 6 5		
♣ 8 7 6		
North-South vul.		
North	East	South
Pass	Pass	3♥
Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♦ 9		

trumps. This was done at most tables of the tournament, but Shelnwald managed to make his impossible contract by means of a "swindle."

West opened the nine of diamonds, and East took his two top cards. East then returned a diamond, and Shelnwald had to find some way of getting himself out of the soup. Instead of ruffing the third diamond or discarding a club, he discarded the jack of spades.

This strange discard couldn't really cost anything. It was obvious that a ruff would merely give West a chance to over-ruff. A club discard wouldn't do any good either, since declarer didn't expect to lose more than two clubs no matter how the play went. The spade discard stood to gain, however, if West thought that declarer was making a normal discard from weakness.

West felt for the swindle. He ruffed the third round of diamonds and hastily returned a spade. This was, of course, just what Shelnwald had been waiting for.

Declarer won the spade return with dummy's ace, and cashed the queen and ten of spades to discard two clubs. He then led the queen of diamonds from dummy to discard his last club. West could ruff of course, but only with a card that would have been a trump trick in any case. Shelnwald made three spade tricks and six trumps, fulfilling his contract.

CARD GAME

Q—This bidding has been:
North: 1♥, 2♥, 3♥, 4♥, 5♥, 6♥, 7♥, 8♥, 9♥, 10♥, 11♥, 12♥, 13♥, 14♥, 15♥, 16♥, 17♥, 18♥, 19♥, 20♥, 21♥, 22♥, 23♥, 24♥, 25♥, 26♥, 27♥, 28♥, 29♥, 30♥, 31♥, 32♥, 33♥, 34♥, 35♥, 36♥, 37♥, 38♥, 39♥, 40♥, 41♥, 42♥, 43♥, 44♥, 45♥, 46♥, 47♥, 48♥, 49♥, 50♥, 51♥, 52♥, 53♥, 54♥, 55♥, 56♥, 57♥, 58♥, 59♥, 60♥, 61♥, 62♥, 63♥, 64♥, 65♥, 66♥, 67♥, 68♥, 69♥, 70♥, 71♥, 72♥, 73♥, 74♥, 75♥, 76♥, 77♥, 78♥, 79♥, 80♥, 81♥, 82♥, 83♥, 84♥, 85♥, 86♥, 87♥, 88♥, 89♥, 90♥, 91♥, 92♥, 93♥, 94♥, 95♥, 96♥, 97♥, 98♥, 99♥, 100♥.

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

BORN today, you must guard against arrogance. Not that you are trying to "high-hat" people. You can demand from life, itself—and perhaps always get what you want. But people are more susceptible to tactful and diplomatic approaches.

Once you have learned to sugar-coat the pill, there is no more polished diplomat than you. You have an interest in science, literature, politics—almost everything, in fact. You have talents in several areas and can make a selection from a number of fields. You have a great deal of physical and nervous energy and are among those who can successfully handle two careers at once.

You are extremely affectionate and do not hesitate to show it when you are among those you love. You are adored by your own family. You will be happiest if you meet young and have a large family. Although you are never bored with life—there is always too much going around you—you prefer to be in the company of people rather than too much alone. You get discouraged and depressed much too easily.

Among those who were born on this date are: Thornton Wilder, author; J. P. Morgan, financier; Arthur Schnabel, pianist; Charles H. Parkhurst, churchman and reformer, and Willis Gilmore Simms, author.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Perhaps you will find that attendance this Easter Sunday, at the church of your choice, is spiritually beneficial.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 20)—Church attendance is favoured at this time. You should find new courage and inspiration there.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)—Be sure to rest the mind and the soul as well as the body this week-end. The benefits will be great.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Be sure to take care of your spiritual as well as your physical and cultural existence, to succeed.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Make the best possible use of this day for spiritual consolation and rest.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—If you have been going short on sleep lately, now is a good time to catch up. It's important.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Church attendance should be your first thought today. Then you may seek other relaxation, if you wish.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—The Sunday of all Sundays in which to revive your spiritual life. It can bring joy and comfort.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 24-Dec. 23)—Enjoy the spring, today. You can get out for a walk in the park, even if you cannot leave the city.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 24-Jan. 20)—Do not neglect spiritual welfare today. This is a time when one should think seriously.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Balance assets against liabilities in your life and then make up your mind what to do next with it.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Easier Sunday, this year, can bring you a special message. Listen well and take heed.

BORN today, you have one of those razor-sharp intuitions which can cut right to the heart of a problem without having to reason it through. You have a magnetic personality which influences people to do as you say. The combination of these talents can make you a person to reckon with either in public or private life. You are a good public speaker; musical, artistic and successful in all business deals. In fact, you are one of those people who manages to get along under all conditions and no matter how far you fall, you manage to land on your feet! You could cultivate a little more exactness in your detail work.

You have a critical nature and are apt to be impatient with those whose mental processes are slower than your own. Cultivate a little more forbearance in this regard. Wee someone whose love nature is as effervescent and spontaneous as your own for complete happiness throughout life.

Among those who were born on this date are: Charles H. Schwab, financier; Booker T. Washington, educator; Richard Harding Davis, author; Clarence Darrow, noted trial attorney, and John Young Mason, statesman.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

MONDAY, APRIL 19

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Stop! Look and Listen! The old railroad crossing sign is a good signal for today's activities.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 20)—You will only mess things up if you try to hurry them along. Take your time and all will go well.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)—Patience is something much to be desired at a time such as today! Impatience only makes more trouble.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Think things over carefully before you rush into action. A mistake could cost you money as well as time and effort.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—If your energies have been fully restored, today is a time you can work at top pitch and make real progress.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Being practical is far more important, right now, than day-dreaming. Think can come later, when you have more time.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Make it a point to keep out of all arguments today. Stay on the neutral fence or cheer both sides!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—You may have a happy surprise today. Something you may have dreaded can prove pleasant after all.

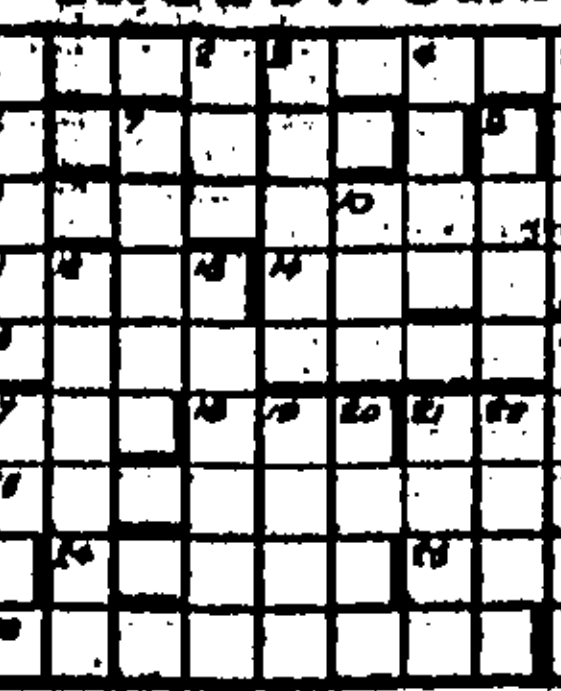
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 24-Dec. 23)—Don't let yourself be imposed upon. Help someone who really needs it, but don't encourage laziness.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 24-Jan. 20)—Don't waste time worrying. If you can't do something constructive, forget it! Save time and energy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Depend upon your own efforts to get something important done. Stars say the lights are green, so go!

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—If you are planning a change, be cautious and look over the whole field before making a plunge!

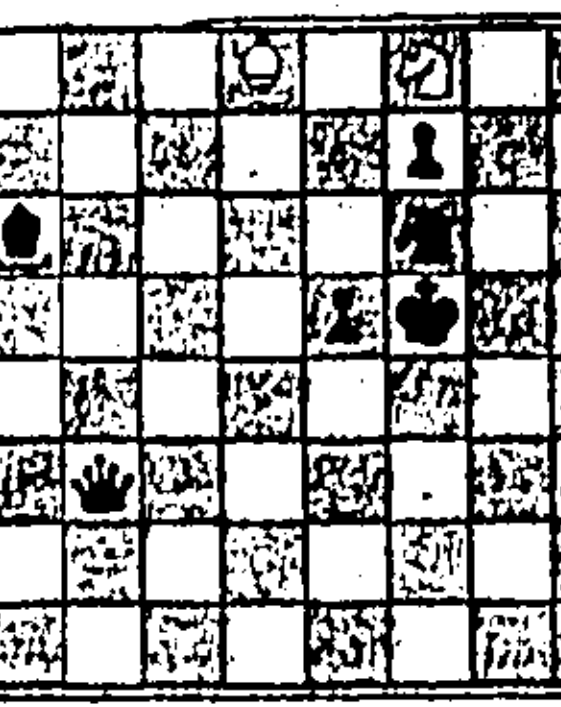
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1. Cap apt key and push it around. (3, 6)
2. And as you put your name down. (6)
3. This is changed in the nation. (5)
4. Lover's one may be pointed out. (4)
5. Titles or note. (5)
6. They get the name for being witty. (9)
7. You find the lady in an Indian coin. (5)
8. You can get along with one. But the story won't. (5)
9. A quart of it is a dish for a king, and Shakespeare. (5)
10. Troubled. (9)
11. These days are in youth. (5)
12. One is often caught. (5)
13. Dies in Italian art. (5)
14. Down.
15. Loh, pa, to the little Spaniard. (5)
16. Chicago's wheat one is notable. (5)
17. Encore! (5) It's well this, but he rarely does. (4)
18. The numbers from tenace. (4)
19. A character without this is pretty good. (5)
20. Lost around. (4)
21. The audience's parcel. (5)
22. It's a matter of importance, his existence. (5)
23. You can fool some of them all the time, and Lincoln. (6)
24. He lived in the monkey house. (5)
25. I'm sorry to say. (4)
26. They oppose the blues. (4)
27. It runs from one word to another. (4)
28. The electric wire goes ahead thus. (4)
Thursday's Solution

CHESS PROBLEM

By Z. ZILAH
Black, 6 pieces



White 6 pieces
White to play: mate in two.
Solution to Thursday's problem:
1. R-K6, any; 2. Q, R, or K1 (ch, or d1 ch) mates.

WHAT'S HIS LINE?

Re-arrange the letters of this name:
G. K. FLEIGHEN
—to find his occupation.
(Solution on Page 20)

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

THERE is an American play running on Broadway in which six of the actors are on the stage for over an hour and a half without uttering a word. I would give one of them a few words to whisper, just to hear the audience shout, "Don't speak up!"

The cleverest use of silence was made by the neo-Montaliro Pierre Tombale in his "Rien." There are nine characters. Eight of them are pretending to be dumb in order to trap the ninth, who is really dumb. They hope, by feigning dumbness, to encourage him to use the sign language, but he sits quite still on a pile of lampshades. The audience, of course, doesn't know which is the dumb man, and the final curtain falls with the problem unsolved. A good deal depends on the skill of the producer, who must keep up the tension by moving the char-

acters about, and making them grimace incessantly.

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(Article on music.)

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SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 1954.

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Liverpool Struggles To Avoid Relegation In League

London, Apr. 16.

An almost complete Football League programme in England today added to the excitement of the chase for promotion and the struggle to avoid relegation during the closing weeks of the season.

So far as the first division was concerned, the top three teams did not have matches so that major interest here will be centred on tomorrow's programme.

At the foot of the table, however, Liverpool with a first half goal from Smyth, collected two valuable points off Middlesbrough who have only Liverpool below them in the table but as the teams immediately above them drew, it is still likely that Middlesbrough and Liverpool will be the relegated teams.

Meanwhile, the leadership of both the second and third division (southern section) has changed hands.

Leicester City, leaders, visited Blackburn Rovers, their nearest rivals, and 40,000 people saw Quigley, Bell and Kelly score goals that put Blackburn level on points and ahead on goal average.

Everton, with a game in hand, were clear winners and are a point behind the joint leaders.

At the other end of the table, Oldham lost and are doomed to relegation as by winning their four remaining games they cannot avoid being one of the two teams due for the third division next season.

MAJOR UPSET
One of the day's major upsets was Shrewsbury's victory at Brighton. Only two places removed from the foot of the table, Shrewsbury won after

sharing four goals at half-time, McCue scoring his second goal for the winner after the interval.

As Ipswich beat Crystal Palace, they moved ahead of Brighton to lead this section.

Both Brighton and Ipswich have return engagements with today's opponents before the heavy weekend programmes end and also have another away fixture, while Leicester and Blackburn meet again so there is a chance of the placing changing again.

Port Vale, virtually assured themselves of the Northern Section championships of the Third Division when they drew a goalless game with Southport.

Barnsley, their nearest rivals, were crashing at Scunthorpe where four forwards shared five of the goals, and Barnsley's dominance was completed when a defender netted.

The position now is that with five games to play, Port Vale are 10 points ahead of Barnsley also with five games to play. But it would need a miraculous goal performance to give Barnsley a better average as both have 70 in the for column and Port Vale have conceded only 19 compared with the 51 of Barnsley. No other clubs can catch the leaders.

Chelsea's recent good record was broken when Meadowes scored in the second half for Manchester City. Sixty thousand people watched the game, only Chelsea's second reverse in 22 league games in five months.

Association Football results:
DIVISION 1
Aston 3, Cardiff City 0
Blackburn 2, Burnley 0
Bolton Wanderers 0, Manchester City 1
Chelsea 0, Manchester City 1
Middlesbrough 0, Sheffield Wednesday 1
Newcastle U. 2, Tottenham Hotspur 1
Preston N.E. 2, Sunderland U. 2

DIVISION 2
Blackburn 2, Leicester City 0
Brentford 2, Bury 0
Bristol Rovers 0, Oldham A. 1
Derby County 1, Lincoln City 2
Hull City 0, Leeds United 1
Luton Town 1, Birmingham City 1
Northampton 2, Fulham 1
Plymouth A. 2, Plymouth B. 2

DIVISION 3 (SOUTHERN)
Aldershot 1, Shrewsbury 1
Brighton 1, Colchester U. 1
Gillingham 1, Queen's P.R. 0
Grimsby T. 1, Crystal Palace 1
Hull City 1, Torquay U. 0
Leeds United 1, Southend U. 0
Reading 1, Reading 0
Watford 0, Exeter City 2

DIVISION 3 (NORTHERN)
Carlisle 1, Chester 1
Crawley 1, Chesterfield 1
Gateshead 1, Gillingham 1
Hartlepool 0, Southport 0
Huddersfield 0, Barrow 0
Rochdale 0, Barnsley 0
Scunthorpe 0, Bradford City 0
Sheff. Wed. 0, Accrington S. 0
Tranmere R. 0, Darlington 0
Wrexham 2, Mansfield T. 0
York City 0, Bradford 0

Good Friday Rugby Matches
London, Apr. 16.
Rugby Union results of matches played today: Cambridge 17, Old Paulines 6; Redruth 6, St. Mary's Hospital 3; Sales 0, Wasps 0; Tarrant 3, Saracens 12; Weston-Super-Mare 9, Misco 3; Aberavon 3, Northampton 0; Falmouth 0, Old Blues 8; Llanelly 0, Maesteg 3; Penarth 0, Barbarians 15.

Rugby League
Barrow 13, Workington Town 15; Liverpool City 14, Rochdale Hornets 15; Whitehaven 16, Salford 8; Widnes 5, Warrington 21; Wigan 8, St. Helens 14; Belle Vue Rangers 9, Leigh 51; Doncaster 10, York 2; Leeds 9, Burnley 31; Swinton 2, Oldham 16.

FRANCE BEATS ITALY
In an amateur international Rugby League match played today at Huddersfield, France beat Italy by 20-6.—Reuter.

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Chaplin To Make New Film

Geneva, Apr. 16.
Charlie Chaplin, celebrating his 65th birthday at Corvay today, announced plans to make a new picture comparing the European and American ways of life.

Chaplin announced the new film while entertaining six photographers allowed into his house to take pictures of himself and his wife Oona and one of their children—five-year-old Josephine. Reporters were barred from the grounds.

Looking fit and in an amiable mood, the British actor showed the photographers over his villa. He told them that the place, where his film would be made, had yet to be settled.—China Mail Special.

P.I.-Japanese Reparation Talks Soon

Manila, Apr. 17.

The Philippines President, Mr. Ramon Magsaysay, last night announced that a Philippines 16-man reparations panel would be named in two or three days' time and the Philippines-Japan reparations negotiations would begin next week after the appointment of this panel.

Mr. Magsaysay had a late night conference with Vice-President Carlos Garcia, who is concurrently the Foreign Minister.

President Magsaysay said he had a "meeting of minds" with Mr. Garcia on the reparations.

A formal ceremony is scheduled at President Magsaysay's Malacanang Palace this morning when the Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Shozo Murata, head of the Japanese reparations delegation, will formally present to Vice-President Garcia Japan's formal proposal for a \$460 million reparations payment payable in 20 years.

Mr. Murata and members of the Japanese delegation arrived here on Tuesday night from Tokyo for the reparations negotiations here.

Mr. Murata said at a press conference yesterday that the Philippines reparations claims had priority over similar claims by other nations.

Mr. Murata said Japan wanted to pay full reparations to the Philippines but a big reparations bill would strain Japan's economy.

On the eve of the formal presentation of Japan's reparations plan, both Mr. Garcia and Mr. Murata expressed hope of an early settlement of the nine-year reparations dispute between the two countries.—Reuter.

Danny Kaye Now An "Ambassador"

New York, Apr. 16.
Comedian Danny Kaye is to make a round-the-world trip as an "Ambassador at Large" for the United Nations children's emergency fund.

He will leave New York by plane for London on Monday. Afterwards he will travel to South Africa, India, and Burma.—Reuter.

In Brown Cassocks And Paris Fashions They Carried the Cross Yesterday

Thousands Retrace Steps Of Jesus In Jerusalem

London, Apr. 16.

An eight-foot unadorned heavy wooden cross was carried by brown clad monks of the Franciscan Order and pilgrims in Jerusalem when they retraced Jesus' steps along the route to his crucifixion.

Within the walled city of Jerusalem this Good Friday procession followed by thousands of pilgrims started at the Castle of Antonia, first of the 14 stations of the Cross, places on the route which recall incidents leading to the crucifixion.

It was from this castle that the Roman Governor, Pontius Pilate, pronounced judgment on Jesus.

The Khamsin (hot desert wind) blew mercilessly on the bearers of the Cross as they made their way to the hill-top outside Jerusalem, where Christ was crucified, stopping at each of the stations to kneel in prayer.

This year, more than ever, the whole range of the Holy Land's history was reproduced in the variety of garb which mingled in the streets of Old Jerusalem.

Villagers represented biblical times, the brown cassocked Franciscan monks gave something of the atmosphere of the Middle Ages.

And to span the 20 centuries since the crucifixion were pilgrims, some of them women in the latest Paris fashions, who gently pushed their way forward for the privilege of shouldering the Cross.

CLIMAX TONIGHT
From the 14th station of the Cross, where Simon the Cyrenian took the Cross from Jesus, the procession rose from their prayers to make their way to the house and tomb of St. Veronica, who wiped the sweat from Jesus' brow.

Finally the procession reached the five final stations of the Cross in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre—the 14th is the Holy Sepulchre itself.

The crucifixion ceremonies will reach their climax tonight when Jesus' burial will be reenacted.

In Rome, pilgrims from all over the world knelt in the city's 300 churches and kissed the Cross in memory of Christ's passion and death.—Reuter.

Chinese Woman

Escapes From Police Car

A Chinese woman, Tsui Kwai-lan, arrested by the Police in connection with a heroin case, escaped from Police custody at 10.05 a.m. yesterday.

When the woman was arrested, she was sent to the Victoria remand prison where she complained of illness and was taken to Queen Mary Hospital. On the way there at Caine Road she dashed out of the Police car and disappeared.

She has not yet been re-arrested.

BOYS AND GIRLS

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1-b. 100 years. 2-a. A student of the mind. 3-d. A doctor who works with children. 4-c. A place where soldiers buy supplies. 5-a. It will be a minor error. 6-b. A kind of onion. 7-c. A dress ornament. 8-d. A choice between two ways of behaving. 10-b. A young swan.

Britain Still Marble Champions!

Americans beaten At Tinsley Green

Tinsley Green, Sussex, Apr. 16.

Six American navy men who came to this quiet little town to wrest a silver cup from the world marble champions today lost the game—but won a firkin (72 pints) of beer as a consolation prize.

The Americans took up a challenge to fight the Tinsley Tigers, world champions for four years—in a traditional marble championship played in this town since the days of Queen Elizabeth I three hundred years ago.

As they arrived a crowd of 1,500 took up a cheer and shouted "Here comes the Yanks."

The Americans, salt-styled by the Grosvenor Golf Club, came from the London United States Navy headquarters for the Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean area.

The Americans, who learned to play marbles as children in the streets of American towns, have practised the game nightly for a month in London's Hyde Park.

But their skill was not up to the British team of wood cutters, carpenters and farmers led by the white haired boy of the Cophorne Spittles—82-year-old bearded Pop Maynard.

They lost by 16 to 13, slightly better than they did last year when they lost 11 to 38.—China Mail Special.

Manila Leads HK In Regatta

Manila, Apr. 16.

Manila led Hongkong by 94½ points to 63½ today as the three-day Manila-Hongkong inter-regatta opened over the 15-mile Manila Bay course.

A sweep of the first five places in the international 110 class gave Manila the first day's lead. Hongkong won in the Dragons class B, but lost in the Stars race.

Placings after the first day:
Dragons—Hongkong 124; Manila 10.
Stars—Manila 11; Hongkong 10½.
110s—Manila 7½; Hongkong 4.
Regatta races will be resumed on Saturday.—Reuter.

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Damaged packages are to be left in the godown for examination by Consignee and the Company's surveyors. Messrs. Goddard & Douglas on Monday at 10 a.m. the 19th April, 1954.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

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Arrived 15th April, 1954.

All broken, chafed and damaged cargo ex above vessel will be surveyed by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at the premises of the North Point Wharves Ltd. at 10 a.m. on 19th April, 1954. Consignee's representatives are requested to be present during the survey.

No claim will be admitted after the goods have left the godown, failure to attend the survey will invalidate claims.

All claims against the above vessel must be presented to the undersigned within fourteen days of the date of arrival or they will not be recognized.

No fire insurance will be effected. THE HONG KONG EASTERN SHIPPING CO., LTD. Agents.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1954.

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Hongkong, 15th April, 1954.



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NOTICE TO PASSENGERS

SAILS: Monday, the 19th April, at 6.00 p.m. for Yokohama and Kobe.

BAGGAGE: Passengers are requested to send ALL baggage to the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf Co.'s Godown at No. 2 GATE, CANTON ROAD ENTRANCE, by Noon on Sunday, 18th April, 1954.

SPECIAL NOTE: With the exception of hand packages carried by passengers themselves, ALL BAGGAGE must pass through the Wharf Co.'s Godown for loading on board by ship's slings only.

EMBARKATION: Passengers should embark between 5.30 and 5 p.m. on Monday, 19th April, 1954.

Two Men Gaoled, Then Freed

Chicago, Apr. 16.

A teen-ager convicted of a robbery he did not commit was freed today. It turned out he had been watching a religious television programme when the crime occurred.

Another man, booked for a term in prison, was also set free when the Police learned they had the right name but the wrong man.

The two miscarriages of justice were set right. The youth released from gaol was Vernon Harvey, Jr., 19 who had been convicted of an armed robbery in a Bench trial on March 6. He was found guilty despite testimony by his family that he had been watching a religious TV programme at home when the crime was committed.

Tavern owner Steve Rodich and two customers "positively" identified Harvey as one of two bandits who took \$55 from Rodich's bar.

After the conviction three robbery detail detectives kept working on the case. One of the tavern customers told them that one of the bandits had been familiar. He said he thought that the man had served time with him in the Illinois training school for boys.

SECOND CASE

On this lead, the detectives arrested Art Conwell, 20, and held him to the Grand Jury. They said he confessed that he, and not Harvey, took part in the robbery.

In the second case, Thomas Jordan's stubborn denials that he was innocent of forgery and confidence game charges finally paid off. It turned out that the Police had the wrong Thomas Jordan.

Jordan was brought here from the Federal Prison at Terre Haute, Indiana, on March 25, immediately after he finished a year and a day for an interstate car theft. The Police held him for commitment to the State penitentiary as a previously convicted felon.

After his repeated denials, a check was made. The authorities found that the Thomas Jordan they wanted was in the county gaol on another charge.

Judge Daniel A. Conwell ordered the first Thomas Jordan freed.—United Press.

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